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DELHI, DHAKA SIGN AGREEMENTS FOR MARITIME COOPERATION, RAILWAYS

Sheikh Hasina's India visit saw her signing agreements in oceanography, health, medicine, disaster relief, digital, green partnership

CONSERVATION OF TEESTA IN BANGLADESH

"Fifty-four shared rivers connect India and Bangladesh. We have been cooperating on flood management, early warning, drinking water projects. We have decided to start negotiations at the technical level for the renewal of the 1996 Ganga Water Treaty," Prime Minister Narendra Modi said after summit talks with his Bangladeshi counterpart Sheikh Hasina | P9

DHAKA'S ARMED FORCES TO BE MODERNISED

- India's push to help Bangladesh in Teesta comes as China has also shown interest in the project. Sheikh Hasina is going on a state visit to China soon
- Both the nations agreed to strengthen cooperation in defence. India will help Bangladesh in the modernisation of its armed forces and increase engagement on counter terrorism, de-radicalisation, border management

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NARENDRA MODI AND SHEIKH HASINA HAVE MET SINCE 2019

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NTA head rolls; NEET-PG on hold

CBI probe ordered into NEET-UG paper leak; ex-ISRO chief heads panel to clean up NTA

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR & KETAN NAROTTAM TANNA @ New Delhi

Congress activists protest over the alleged irregularities in NEET-UG results, in Kolkata | PTI

WITH its credibility at stake amid continuing protests over irregularities in holding the NEET-UG, the government on Saturday took a flurry of decisions, sacking the head of the National Testing Agency (NTA) that conducted the exam, forming a panel to reform the NTA, ordering a CBI probe into the NEET-UG mess and putting the NEET-PG on hold. The NEET-PG was scheduled to be conducted on Sunday.

In a late night announcement, the Ministry of Education said it has decided to assign the probe into the alleged irregularities in the NEET-UG held on May 5 to the CBI.

Ever since the NEET-UG results were announced on June 4, there were charges of malpractices, including cheating and impersonation in the exam, which is the single-window entry point for medical course in the country.

When a couple of days ago, Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan called out the NTA for systemic failure, it was clear that its chief Subodh Kumar Singh was on the chopping block. Singh was replaced by former home secretary Pradeep Singh Kharola, a retired IAS officer of the 1985 batch. Kharola was considered as a tough task master during his tenure in service.

The Appointment Committee of Cabinet, while approving Kharola's appointment as the new NTA head, placed Singh in waiting for posting in the department of personnel, public grievance and pension till further orders.

Parallelly, the Union Health Ministry decided to postpone the NEET-PG as a "precautionary measure". The Ministry of Health said it has decided to undertake a thorough assessment of the robustness of processes of the NEET-PG entrance examination conducted by NTA for medical students.

The day began with Centre announcing the setting up of a high-level panel of seven experts, led by former ISRO chief K Radhakrishnan, to review the NTA's performance and suggest course corrections. Its terms of reference are: reforming the exam process, improving data security protocols, and enhancing the structure and functioning of the NTA. P9

States raise issue of borrowing limit in pre-budget meeting

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

OPPOSITION-ruled states such as Tamil Nadu and Kerala on Saturday raised the issue of borrowing limits imposed by the Centre depriving them of necessary funds leading to liquidity crunch.

In a pre-budget consultation with the Centre here, Kerala finance minister K N Balgopalan requested that a special package of at least ₹24,000 crore be announced in the Union budget 2024-25 to tid e over the current liquidity stress the state is facing due to borrowing limits imposed by the Centre. Tamil Nadu finance minister Thangam Thenarasu pointed out that because of the Centre's diktat the state lost ₹8,500 crore of borrowing space over the last four years. In the meeting, most state finance ministers stressed the need for more funds for improvement of infrastructure in their respective states.

Kerala's finance minister highlighted the urgent need for a special capital investment of ₹5,000 crore for the state for fulfilling its part in the development of the Vizhinjam International Mother Port and the Port region. He sought another ₹5,000 crore for financing certain other infrastructure projects such as the 'Tunnel Road link between Calicut and Wayanad'. Odisha deputy chief minister Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo sought dedicated budget allocations and resources for large-scale infrastructure projects, such as industrial parks and corridors, electricity grids and railway infrastructure. Chhattisgarh finance minister O P Choudhary demanded financial assistance for the development of the state capital region — Nava Raipur — as an industrial hub.

Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman told the media that on the issue of devolution of taxes, most finance ministers agreed to raise the issue at the finance commission.

Release ₹5,300 cr for UBP: K'taka to Centre

The State Government has requested the Centre to release Rs 5,300 crore announced earlier for the Upper Bhadra Project and declare it as a national project. On behalf of CM Siddaramaiah, Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda presented the State Government's views at the pre-budget meeting held by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman P4

HC prohibits BTC from conducting races, betting

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

ACTING on an appeal by the state government, the High Court of Karnataka on Saturday prohibited Bengaluru Turf Club (BTC) Limited from conducting on-course and off-course racing and betting events.

A division bench comprising Chief Justice NV Anjaria and Justice KV Aravind passed this interim order upholding the decision of the government to reject an application seeking license submitted by BTC to conduct racing and betting events.

The bench said the interim order issued on June 18 by a single judge permitting BTC to conduct racing and betting events stands suspended and stayed, subject to the outcome of the petitions challenging the rejection of license pending before him.

On June 6, the government rejected BTC's application seeking license to conduct racing and betting events from April 2024 to August 2024 citing several alleged irregularities in the club.

The bench observed that the discretion to refuse licence could be said to be an exercise, on all prima facie considerations, used reasonably well based on relevant factors. When the discretion was properly exercised by the state, there was no prima facie case for the petitioners -- Bengaluru Turf Club and others -- to seek any interim relief granted by the single judge, the bench said.

Khandre stalls HDK's first nod as Union Min to allow mining in Sandur

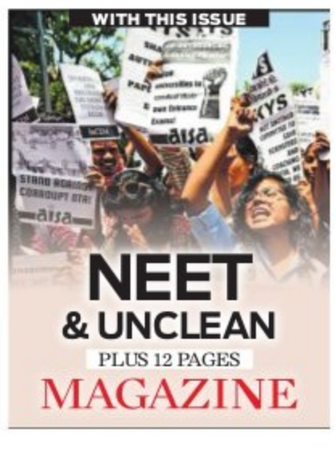
BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

THE first file that was signed by **HD Kumaraswamy** soon after taking charge as Union minister of steel and heavy industries in the NDA government on June 12, has been stalled by Karnataka's forest, ecology and environment department minister **Eshwar B Khandre**.

The file that has been stalled pertains to mining permission to Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited (KIOCL) to take up iron ore mining in Devadari Hills of Swamimalai forest, in Sandur, Ballari, in 401.5761 hectares of virgin forest land.

On June 21, Khandre signed a letter and sent it to forest, environment and ecology department and to the Company stating that no forest clearance for mining in Sandur would be given to KIOCL till the company implements the Central Empowered Committee guidelines and gets clearances for environmental violations by KIOCL in Kudremukh. The signed letter was made public on June 22.

A department official said: "When KIOCL was mining in Kudremukh, many violations took place. The company had increased the height of Lakya dam's catchment area by one metre due to which forest submersion area had increased. They had laid pipes to transport iron ore to Mangaluru, without obtaining forest permission. Mining dues are also yet to be cleared. So now it has been decided that unless forest clearance for anomalies related to forest act and mining in Kudremukh are not cleared, no mining permission in Sandur will be given." P4



Malur mutt seer beaten to death, three arrested

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Kolar

CHINMAYANANDA Swamiji, 70, of Ananda Marga Mutt at Mylanda Halli near Malur in Kolar district was allegedly beaten to death by three people, including two seers of the mutt, on Saturday morning. Police gave the names of the arrested as Arun Kumar, 55, Acharya Dharmananda Avadhoot, 45, and Acharya Praneshwar, 48.

Kolar SP M Narayana, who visited the mutt, told *TNSE* that preliminary investigations revealed that some civil and administrative disputes in the mutt led to the seer's murder.

Narayana said Chinmayananda Swamiji, who went to the toilet around 6 am, was allegedly attacked by Acharya Dharmananda and Acharya Praneshwar with sticks. Later, they dragged him out when Arun Kumar, a mutt employee, joined them and assaulted the seer.

People living near the mutt rushed to the spot and shifted the seer to a hospital in Malur. As the seer's condition deteriorated, he was shifted to RL Jalappa Medical College Hospital Hospital where he died. Sources said the head office of the mutt is in Kolkata. The mutt ran several educational institutions till 2012 when they were closed because of several disputes.

EXPRESS READ

Writer Nadoja Kamala Hampana passes away

Bengaluru: Kannada writer and scholar Nadoja Dr Kamala Hampana passed away at her daughter's house in Bengaluru on Saturday morning. Dr Kamala was 89. She is survived by her husband Prof Hampa Nagarajaiah, two daughters and a son P4

Cong govt in K'taka will fall soon: Somanna

Bengaluru: Union Minister of State for Railways and Jal Shakti V Somanna has predicted that the Siddaramaiah-led Congress government in Karnataka will not last much longer and former chief minister and Union Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries HD Kumaraswamy may know exactly when it will crumble P4

Conciliatory tone at GST meet

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman chairs the GST Council meet on Saturday | PTI

IN her first GST Council meeting after assuming the role of finance minister in the new government, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman was in a conciliatory mood as she reiterated that the Central government does not intend to send GST notices to businesses left, right and centre.

"I want to reassure assessees that our intent is to make the GST assessees' life easier. We are working towards less and less compliances," she said at the fag end of the press briefing called to announce the decisions made in the 53rd GST Council.

To buttress her point, she underlined that the Central GST department has sent notices to only 1,14,939 assessees, or 1.96% of the total 58.63 lakh active assesses till 31 December 2023. "Our intention is to make it easier and simpler, less cumbersome," she added.

The same conciliatory tone was reflected in the GST Council decisions as it decided in favour of taxpayers in many ongoing thorny issues, including introducing the sunset clause for anti-profiteering provisions, exemption of GST on corporate guarantees, and reducing the amount of pre-deposit for filing of appeals under GST. The Council also decided to exclude Extra Neutral Alcohol used for manufacture of alcoholic liquor for human consumption under the ambit of GST.

Some of the decisions would directly impact the common man. The Council decided to exempt some services provided by the Railways, such as sale of platform tickets, facility of retiring rooms/waiting rooms, cloak room services and battery-operated car services.

To benefit students living in hostel accommodations outside the premises of educational institutes, the Council decided to exempt accommodation services from GST where the monthly rent per person is up to ₹20,000. Such benefits would be available subject to the condition that the accommodation is supplied for a minimum continuous period of 90 days.

To deal with fake invoicing, the Council decided to roll out nationwide Aadhaar-based authentication of registered taxpayers in a phased manner.

It also decided to implement a uniform rate of 12% on all milk cans (of steel, iron and aluminium) irrespective of their use. The GST rate on carton, boxes and cases of both corrugated and non-corrugated paper or paper-board has been reduced from 18% to 12%.

SPORTING LIFE

Sports help refugees build bridges, integrate into society

INDRANEEL DAS @ Chennai

Sunday Special

THIRTY-SIX athletes with as many tales training in 12 disciplines, hosted by 15 countries representing more than 120 million displaced people across the world. All unified through sport. The International Olympic Committee's (IOC) Refugee Olympic Team is not just a team, it's an amalgamation of myriad emotions, stories of resilience and hope.

The sentiments echoed by the team's chef de mission, Masomah Ali Zada, during an interaction with this newspaper highlighted the beauty of sport and its role in helping athletes integrate into society. Her words were at times John Lennonesque: 'there is no country or religion too...'

"I am so lucky to be chef the mission of a team that's from different cultures, speaks different languages," she said. "I suffered a lot of discrimination because of my nation and of my ethnicity... We are from different countries. The Olympic Games is the moment they will realise their dream."

Masomah, who was forced to flee Afghanistan for pursuing her passion, cycling, because of the Taliban government's hostilities towards women playing sport, said the only thing that kept each of them sane while waiting for endless paperwork was sport. "When we arrive in a new country, we have to wait for paperwork and it's a long process. During this period, we cannot do anything. We cannot learn the language. We don't have access to education so we wait. Sport is the only possibility that helps refugees to just pass the time and wait. Most refugees in this period try to play a sport, also to remain healthy, mentally and physically."

Masomah felt despite athletes not representing a country, refugees have the right to compete at the Olympic Games. "They have a lot of talent. They just need a chance. I know that it's really difficult to be a refugee, but still, we have to keep going. We have a right to live and dream and thanks to the Olympic team that allows refugees to be part of international competition like Olympics."

She said how despite getting teased and stoned while cycling in Afghanistan and even while in France as a refugee she continued to dream. Finally, in Tokyo Olympics she realised it when she represented the refugee team. Living a dream amidst the spirit of inclusion and inspiration. P13

Darshan sent to high-security barrack in Bengaluru prison

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

ACTOR **Darshan Thoogudeepa** and his accomplices D Dhanaraj alias Raju, V Vinay and S Pradush were on Saturday remanded in judicial custody till July 4.

They were sent to Bengaluru central prison at Parappana Agrahara. The Under Trial Prisoner (UTP) number of Darshan is 6106. He is reportedly kept in a high security barrack in the prison.

The four accused were produced before a city court by Vijaynagar sub-division police investigating the Renukaswamy murder case as their police custody ended on Saturday.

Thirteen other accused were remanded in judicial custody on Thursday. The special public prosecutor (SPP) appealed to the court to shift some of them to Tumakuru jail as there are chances of an attack on them by fellow accused and fans of Darshan in Bengaluru central prison. P5

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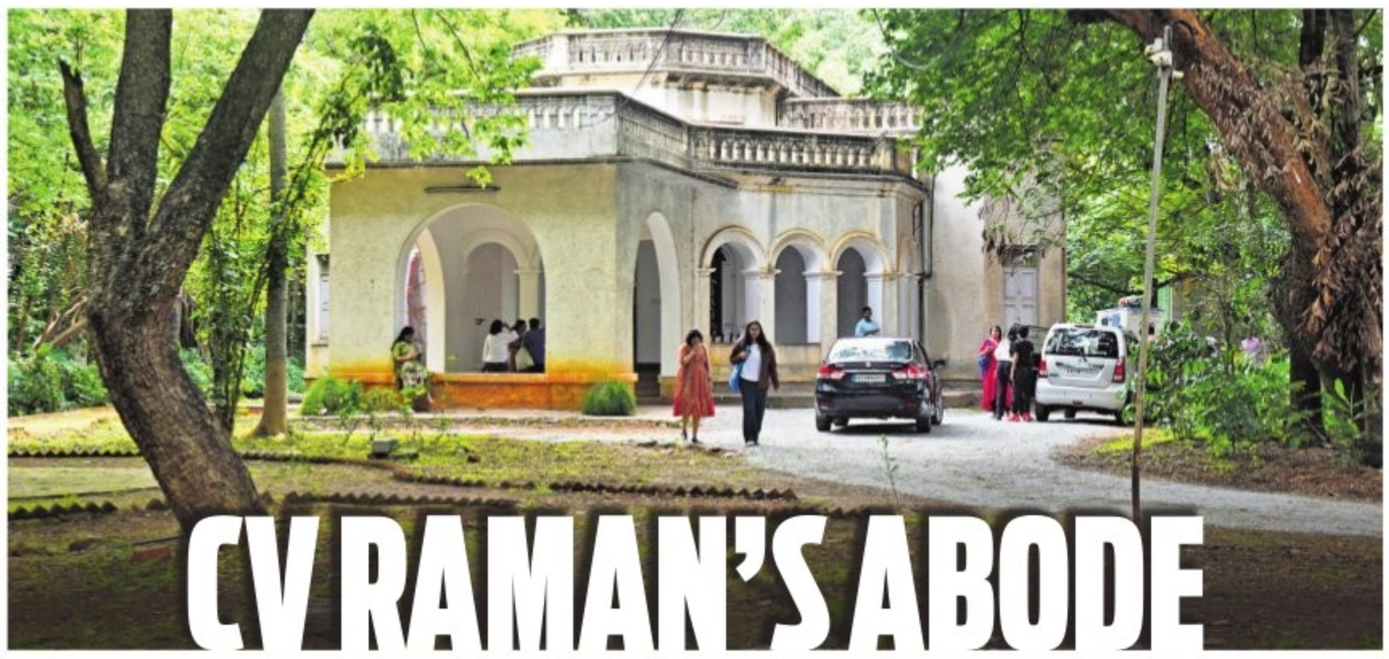

CV RAMAN'S ABODE HOSTS FIRST ART EXHIBITION

Over the years, *Panchavati* has been a hub for science-related educational programmes, and now, it's hosting an art exhibition

Panchavati, the historic residence of Sir CV Raman in Malleswaram, hosts its first art exhibition. Visitors admire the paintings of the artist, Avijit Dutta (left) and Raman's grandson Vivek Radhakrishnan at the venue.

RISHITA KHANNA @Bengaluru

The historic residence of Sir CV Raman -- Panchavati, nestled in the heart of Malleswaram, is abuzz with new life, as it hosts its first art exhibition.

The two-day exhibition weaves a rich tapestry of Bengal, featuring the works of a Kolkata-based artist Avijit Dutta. Raman once lived in Bengal, and made significant contributions to science from the state.

Over the years, the historic home has been a hub for science-related educational programmes primarily aimed at children. Now, for the first time, the house will host an art exhibition on themes of memory, fantasy and thought, bringing a new dimension to its storied legacy. From mid-October to November, Avijit Dutta came to Bengaluru when he received an invitation to design a commemorative India Post stamp, celebrating the 75th anniversary of the esteemed Raman Research Institute in Bengaluru.

A series of 17 captivating paintings titled 'The Revisiting' is displayed across the home, including two rooms in Panchavati where Raman's photograph is present surrounded by an extensive collection of books. The artworks are on display in Panchavati on June 22 and 23. Dutta's masterpieces caught the eye of Raman's grandson Vivek Radhakrishnan, who curates art for the KYNKYNY Art Gallery on Infantry Road. Dutta's work will be displayed at the gallery till July 19. Dutta told TNSE that it took him around 11 months to curate the 17 artworks that delve into the realms of memory, imagination and time.

Each painting invites viewers on a journey through fragments showcasing places, people, nature, homes and histories. The artworks celebrate the vibrant essence of the two cities – Kolkata, hometown of the artist, who has been painting for the last 30 years, and Bengaluru, where CV Raman lived for about 30 years.

Infused with the energy of Dutta's hometown, the paintings also gracefully acknowledge Bengaluru's charm and vibrance. Panchavati, which enhanced the artist's viewpoint and added depth to his expression, features a classic design centred around a spacious octagonal hall with four rooms – two on each side, surrounded by lush green trees older than the building.

Each painting has been strategically placed to interact with the space it occupies and the neighbouring artworks. The dim lightning enhances the whole experience by adding more depth to the vibrant strokes of the painting and its artistic journey.

The exhibition also features the short film, 'My City, My Mother', co-created by Raman's grandson Vivek, who has undertaken the restoration of the building, envisioning its revival into a hub for arts and sciences. What sets Dutta's art apart is his creativity, evident not only in his paintings but also in the 'frames' he crafts. Dutta views frames as accessories that complete and unify the artwork. Each frame is a work of art in itself adorned in bronze, black, and brass hues, reminiscent of belonging to Raman's house.

Will always finds a way!

CROWDFUNDING HELPS REVIVE GOVT SCHOOL IN KODAGU

PRAJNA GR @ Madikeri

The Neerugalale Government School, and the new LKG classroom at the school, after the renovation | EXPRESS

GOVERNMENT schools might be losing importance in cities, but they are still the mainstay for educating children from rural areas. In Kodagu, a government school this year scored cent percent results in SSLC with the lone girl student from the school passing. At a time when many government schools are shutting down because of lack of students, villagers at Neerugalale in the interiors of Somwarpet taluk in Kodagu district and alumni of the school got together to revive the Neerugalale Government Primary and High School. The villagers formed a committee along with the alumni association -- Poorva Prathamika Shala Samithi (Pre-Primary School Committee) -- and started the process.

What is inspiring and unique is that the villagers did not take any monetary assistance from the state government, and the entire project is the initiative of the villagers and alumni.

The school, which is 67 years old, started off as a primary school. The high school section was introduced only in 2007. While the institution had a considerable number of admissions in the past, it slowly started declining with parents preferring private schools. The majority of students come from backward classes, and this year, 114 were admitted in all, from grades 1 to 10.

"Government schools must not become places reserved only for the labour class. These schools can survive only when they are on a par with private schools," said high school teacher Rathna Kumar, who has been working with the institution for the past 16 years.

"The majority of students here are from the Jenu Kuruba tribe, who work as estate labourers. But the school management wanted to attract more admissions and that was when the Poorva Prathamika Shaala Samithi was formed. As the admissions were declining year on year, the villagers, along with the school alumni, and the School Development and Monitoring Committee (SDMC) formed the committee. We held a meeting in March last year, and had set plans that we looked forward to introducing at the institution," explained Rathna Kumar.

The committee's first plan was to introduce kindergarten and to renovate the old building on the campus, for which permission was sought from the taluk BEO. But the education department authorities informed the committee that there was not enough funds or manpower to enable new classes for students. The committee then decided not to take any monetary help from the government.

"The campus has an old building with five classrooms, which was renovated using crowdfund. The BEO was supportive of the committee, and we took it upon ourselves to introduce LKG in the school," Kumar said. Members from the committee and SDMC approached donors before starting the renovation work, and collected around Rs 10 lakh from villagers and alumni.

"The work began with replacing old roof-tiles and plastering the walls. In about four to five months, three of the five rooms were renovated. One was converted into a classroom with brand new furniture, the second room became a games room and the third into an office. There are two more rooms that will be renovated once more funds are arranged. We have also built a hi-tech toilet on the school campus," Kumar said.

After the renovation, the committee members visited villagers and encouraged them to enrol their wards in the school. The committee's efforts bore fruit and 15 students enrolled for LKG. "Next year, we will introduce UKG. And the year after, we hope to get the state's permission to introduce English medium for grade 1," Kumar said and added that currently, the SDMC is bearing teachers' salaries.

While many teachers in interior villages wait to be transferred out, the efforts of the Neerugalele School management has set an example. "Teacher Rathna Kumar took special care in ensuring the school's development. The villagers joined hands to save the school that has imparted education to thousands," said school principal Esthela Silva.

The 'Poorva Prathamika Shaala Samithi' committee members

Tarahunise thrives with 232 flora, fauna species

RISHITA KHANNA @ Bengaluru

TARAHUNISE Lake in North Bengaluru, which was dug back in 1964, and had largely been dry with only a few pools of water for the past three decades, is being revived for the past two years, and following its rejuvenation, the lake now hosts about 232 species of flora and fauna.

Currently, the lake covers 34.15 acres, and the water is spread across 32.32 acres, supporting fishing activities, and providing sustenance for communities residing around it.

As part of the rejuvenation, bi-weekly systematic field surveys were conducted between October and December 2023 to assess the biodiversity surrounding the lake ecosystem.

Methods like quadrat sampling and acoustic monitoring were used to capture a comprehensive view of the diverse taxa in the environment, along the lake's perimeter. Additionally, treated water was pumped from the Hebbal-Nagawara STP.

In the Quadrat Sampling method, the area was divided into quadrants for a close look at the flora and fauna of each quadrant. The method gave a structured and detailed understanding of different species that were present in and around the lake perimeter, including the walk path. Acoustic monitoring was also used to record sounds made by different organisms, which helped identify and document species by their unique calls and sounds as well.

The efforts to revive the lake began when WeWork India, in collaboration with the Anonymous Indian Charitable Trust (TAICT) adopted Tarahunise village, to address critical issues like soil erosion, area cleanup, and waste management awareness. The volunteers were trained by experts from 'Friends of Lake' and the 'Foundation of Environmental Monitoring', which enabled them to conduct water quality testing, and enhanced their ability to monitor and protect the lake effectively. Adoption of the lake led to several impactful environmental projects including Bund stabilization, creation of a biodiversity park, and installation of floating wetlands to preserve the lake.

An aerial view of the Tarahunise lake

These initiatives have protected the lake bunds from erosion, improved road safety near the lake, and maintained cleanliness in the surrounding areas.

The installation of fences, litter bins, and community bins around the lake has further prevented pollution and enhanced its visual appeal.

ALSTOM PARTNERS WITH UNITED WAY OF BENGALURU TO REJUVENATE BIDARE AGRAHARA LAKE

Bengaluru: Alstom, a sustainable mobility company has partnered with a non-profit organisation United Way Bangalore, to rejuvenate the Bidare Agrahara Lake, in the Doddabanahalli village, Bengaluru East. This led to the removal of 25,800 cubic meters of silt and 8,300 cubic meters of sludge from the lake, significantly improving the water quality and capacity, reviving the Dakshina Pinakini River. It is aligned with the 'Wake the Lake' initiative, that aims to address SDG goal 6 and has increased the holding capacity of the lake to 18 crore litres. "With improved water quality and green cover, this lake has the potential to become a mini biodiversity hotspot in the future. By supporting the 'Wake the Lake' initiative, Alstom aims to make a lasting impact, empower the locals and contribute to the creation of a sustainable world for future generations," said Olivier Loison, Managing Director of Alstom. To promote biodiversity, an island has been created for birds perching at the centre of the waterbody, and various native tree species were planted using traditional, dense and Miyawaki methods.

Work at Kaggadasapura Lake picks up pace, will finish by Dec

MOHAMMED YACOOB @ Bengaluru

AFTER two-and-a-half-years of slow work at the 47-acre Kaggadasapura Lake, the lake's developmental work has finally picked up pace, after completing the de-weeding, de-watering and desilting. Now, the BBMP is working on fencing the reclaimed land, and building a walking track and security room among other works.

This apart, the BWSSB is also constructing a STP of 5 MLD capacity, which would treat the sludge and ensure that there is water in the lake during all seasons.

Talking to TNSE, S Raghu, MLA, CV Raman Nagar said, "Developmental work at the lake is being done in phases, at a cost of Rs 8 crore. By the end of December, all the work will be completed. The residents of this locality will get a New Year's gift in the form of a completely rejuvenated lake with a walking track."

Some activists and residents who had come with the MLA to see progress of the work, and the tree plantation drive as part of the World Environment Day, on Saturday, said, "Some people had filed a petition with the National Green Tribunal in 2020, to put a stay on the project. In 2021, the stay was recalled, but the lockdown stunted the progress. From 2022 onwards, the work resumed, and nearly 65 per cent of the work is complete now."

Developmental work in progress at Kaggadasapura Lake

Executive Engineer Lakes Division, BBMP Nithya J, who is monitoring the developmental work, informed that the progress is being monitored and regular reports are submitted to Special Commissioner (Lakes), Preeti Gehlot.

"There was an encroachment of 2.5 acres. After the survey, 20 private encroachments were found. The palike reclaimed about one acre and has already fenced an area of 22 guntas. The inlet work at Jalakanteshwara Temple entry, Bairasandra entry and Bagmane Teck Park entry, and desilting work has also been completed under Phase 1. In Phase 2, the remaining work will be completed," Nithya said.

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Presidency University organises HR conclave

Bengaluru: Presidency University in association with the Bangalore Chamber of Industry and Commerce, and Welingkar Education, organised a HR Conclave. Around 100 HR professionals from IT & ITES, FMCG, BFSI sectors, participated in this conclave. CEO of Incluzza, Enable India Solutions Vinaya Chinnappa, Das Suryawanshi, Sai Kavitha, Shonalie Gupta and Prof Krishna Durbha discussed various aspects of inclusivity at workplace. This is the second year in a row that Presidency University has organized an HR conclave, which received a wide response.

Applications invited for science grants

Bengaluru: IndiaBioscience, a science outreach organisation, has invited applications for the 5th IndiaBioscience Outreach Grant programme. The grant aims to support the outreach activities of early career scientists and young investigators from India. Eligible applicants for IOG-5 are early career scientists with eight years of starting their independent position at or affiliated with a government, educational or not-for-profit research institute in India. The deadline for the applications is July 15. Applications are accepted online. Additional information can be accessed on the website- bit.ly/IOG5_2024.

Dr BR Ambedkar School of Economics University Vice-Chancellor Dr NR Bhanumurthy's tenure came to an end on Friday. Director of Institute of Social and Economic Change Dr D Rajashekhar, has been appointed the in-charge Vice-Chancellor with effect from June 22, until a regular Vice-Chancellor is appointed, or until further orders, whichever is earlier.

Beware, cybercrooks can steal your money without OTP too

RAKSHITH GOWDA @ Bengaluru

AS technology advances, fraudsters are employing new techniques to swindle people. We all think that without One Time Passwords (OTPs), money cannot be transferred, but now cyber fraudsters can take the money away from your account without an OTP too.

This is how the scam works. You are sent a message that looks to have bee forwarded from a bank. Once you click the link, the money is stolen from your account without an OTP. Over Rs 40 lakh has been stolen from Bengaluru Rural district alone using this technique.

Cybercriminals are also employing more-sophisticated Remote Access Trojans (RAT) and Android Application Package (APK) software to scam people. A senior officer said RATs and APKs are software that allow cybercriminals to remotely control a person's device, without their knowledge.

An officer explained that fraudsters create fake apps using logos of nationalised or private banks whose security would have been breached. Fraudsters send these app links via WhatsApp or text messages, and once the application is installed on the phone, fraudsters can easily steal the money.

This is a more advanced form of phishing, enabling fraudsters to bypass conventional security measures and gain unauthorised access to sensitive information. Earlier, these methods were used to steal money in bulk from big companies, he added.

An officer investigating a case said that a 35-year-old IT employee, Anusha (name changed), lost Rs 20 lakh. She had received a link on WhatsApp that appeared to be from her bank. The message suggested she install the app to get updates from the bank. "As soon as she opened the link, the phone came under the control of fraudsters. After similar cases were reported from different parts of the state and the police alerted bank officials, the bank took preventive security measures, and now such cases have reduced," the official explained.

A cyber expert, Suresh, said the only way to escape from such frauds is not to click on links in text or WhatsApp messages. Banks send transaction alerts only to the text message inbox and advise turning off mobile data to prevent applications from downloading.

On May 21, the Hassan subdivision DySP reportedly lost Rs 15.98 lakh after installing an application of a nationalised bank that was forwarded him through a text message. The link had an APK or RAT file. An investigation officer from Hassan said that soon after the money was stolen, it was transferred to multiple mule accounts. It was found that the accused had used 900 SIMs with the same IMEI number.

CATTLE RATTLE CITY TRAFFIC, BBMP HELPLESS

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WITH many cattle owners in the city letting their animals out on the streets these cows are causing traffic jams in many parts of the city.

They are also let onto lake premises despite warnings, complained home guards stationed at some lakes. Complaints to the Animal Husbandry Department at the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) have not helped either, they added.

"A person, who has half-a-dozen cows, deliberately lets his animals out on roads and then into Vibhuthipura Lake. Despite complaints to the BBMP Animal Husbandry department, nothing has been done," said Honamma, a home guard.

On Friday, a stray cow died after coming in contact with a switchboard at Kalkere Lake.

Stray cattle are found in Madiwala and Koramangala and they refuse to move from roads, causing traffic jams during peak hours. A BBMP official said that the Palike has a shed, but it cannot accommodate all such cattle.

"When we get a complaint about a stray cow on the road, we catch it and if there is no tag, we send it to our goshala. If there is a tag and owners come to claim, we penalise them Rs 600 for large animals and Rs 300 for calves. The penalty is doubled if owners fail to get their animals released within 24 hours," said Dr Rudresh from the BBMP Animal Husbandry Department.

A worker at the department, who catches such stray cattle, said the department has only two vehicles and very less staff to catch cows and transport them to the cattle shed. "By the time we reach the spot, it will be late and animals will have moved. Also, our shelter has very limited space. We are helpless," he added.

Sunil Duggar, who runs a goshala in Koramangala, said BBMP should be strict with owners who let cows on roads. "These animals cause traffic jams and also accidents in some cases," he added.

Akashganga sky-diving team in action at the Air Force Station's diamond jubilee celebrations, in Yelahanka on Saturday

Yelahanka AFS marks 60th anniversary

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THE Air Force Station, Yelahanka, celebrated its diamond jubilee on Saturday, marking 60 years of dedicated service to the nation.

The year-long celebrations commenced on August 1, 2023, and culminated in a grand finale on Saturday. The event featured a display of transport and helicopter aircraft, para-jumps by the renowned 'Akashganga' sky-diving team and a demonstration by the Light Combat Helicopter Prachand. A seminar on transport and helicopter operations was also held followed by the unveiling of a 'Special Cover' commemorating the historic milestone.

Over the course of the year, the station organised various activities, including the commissioning of a Full Motion Simulator, cycling and trekking expeditions, air-adventure camps and family-oriented events under the Air Force Families Welfare Association.

Air Marshal SK Indoria, Senior Air Staff Officer, Training Command, addressed the gathering after paying tributes to veterans and acknowledging their contributions to the station's success. He praised the station for its exceptional accomplishments and its role in nation-building.

EXPRESS READ

J&K students' forum condemns tweets, urges Siddaramiah for leniency

Bengaluru: Condemning the action of Faheem Firdous Qureshi, a Kashmiri youth, for posting anti-national comments on X, the J&K Students' Association has urged CM Siddaramaiah to take a lenient view of the case as the charges against him could have serious consequences on his future. Thirty-year-old Qureshi was an employee at the Bangalore International Exhibition Centre when he booked under IPC Sections 505 and 153B. Nasir Khuehami, convenor of the association, said such "reckless acts" are unacceptable and undermine the principles of coexistence.

Lucky Ali files plaint against Sindhuri for grabbing trust-owned land

Benagluru: Popular singer Lucky Ali accused IAS officer Rohini Sindhuri, husband and brother-in-law, for allegedly encroaching trust-owned property. He filed a complaint with the Karnataka Lokayukta, against the officer, her husband Sudhir Reddy, brother-in-law Madhusdhan Reddy, ACP of Yelahanka New Town police Manjunath, SI of Yelahanka New Town police, and Taluk Surveyor Manohar, for grabbing the trust-owned property in Kanchenahalli, Yelahanka.

I pursued my degree when I was 48 years old, says Shivakumar

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ADDRESSING the students of Parishrama Group of Institutions, at an event to felicitate the students NEET 2023-2024, Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar said, "I may be the DyCM today, but there was a time when I regretted not being a graduate. After becoming a minister, I pursued my degree at the age of 48. I felt more joy receiving my degree certificate in Mysuru, than attending a cabinet meeting in Vidhana Soudha as a Minister."

Education is the most powerful weapon that can change the world, Shivakumar said and added "Parishrama institution will serve as a guiding light, providing new opportunities."

Founder and MD of Parishrama Group, MLA Pradeep Eshwar congratulated the toppers, teachers, and parents and said, "Over 180 students scored above 600 this year. I started the academy with just 70 students five years ago, and have not looked back since."

Primary Education Minister Madhu Bangarappa, and DyCM DK Shivakumar handed over mementos to the top 10 performers in the NEET exam, on Saturday.

MLA Pradeep Eshwar, DyCM DK Shivakumar and MC Sudhakar | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

TENDER NOTICE
Four Seasons Hotel, Bengaluru.

Quadron Business Park Pvt. Ltd. - Four Seasons Hotel Bengaluru at Embassy ONE, a 5-star luxury hotel invites sealed tenders from reliable and established vendors from Bengaluru on rate contract basis for 12 months commencing from **1st August 2024** to **31st July 2025** for the supply of following:

FOOD & BEVERAGE

1.	Provisions, Spices, Groceries & Dry Fruits.	7.	Pork Products Local & Imported
2.	Tinned, Canned & Bottled Food Products	8.	Chicken, Poultry Products & Farm Fresh Eggs
3.	Fresh Vegetables, Fruits & Exotic Vegetables, Peeled Garlic, Bean Sprouts, Peeled Shallots/Onions, Mushrooms	9.	Fresh Fish & Seafood
4.	Lamb & Lamb Products	10.	Imported Tinned, Canned & Bottled Food Products
5.	Fresh Milk & Dairy Products	11.	Ice Cream & Kulfis.
6.	Imported Meats & Sea Food Products	12.	Frozen Sea Food

GENERAL ITEMS & SERVICES

1.	Office General Printing & Stationery	7.	Safety Equipment
2.	Housekeeping, Laundry & Cleaning Supplies	8.	Courier Services
3.	Cooking, Industrial Gas & Gel Fuel	9.	Electrical, Plumbing & Hardware Consumables
4.	Charcoal	10.	Motor Rewinding/Glass & Mirrors Fixing
5.	Fresh Flowers and Flower designs	11.	Guest Supplies
6.	Hiring Of Av Equipment and Banquet CCG/ Furniture	12.	Goods Transport Vehicle Providers.
		13.	Glass/Floor Cleaning

Tender Forms and other Particulars can be obtained on payment of Rs.1000/- for each category and are available with the purchase Department at the hotel between **10 am to 5 pm from 24th June 2024 till 30th June 2024.** Contact No.080-45222232/34. The last date of submitting tenders is 2nd July 2024. The Tender is subject to following: **1.** The Rates finalized for the twelve months will not change under any circumstances. **2.** The rates must be inclusive of delivery charges till our stores premises; GST should be shown separately on the invoices if applicable. **3.** The Hotel reserves the right to reject any or all tenders without any reasons whatsoever and no representation shall be entertained on this account. Preference will be given to suppliers with ISO 22000/ HACCP certification/Eco Labeled.

Sealed applications are to be submitted at the below mentioned address.

Four Seasons Hotel Bengaluru at Embassy ONE
#8, Bellary Road, Ganganagar, Near Mekhri Circle, Bengaluru-560032.

PUBLIC NOTICE

DUE ON 09/07/2024
[Spl.H.C.A..S, C.D. 16-e)
G.P A.(J) 78-52000-9-2007
G.R.H.D., No.4398, dated 3-7-16]
Court's order dated the 21/03/2024
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY BENCH AT AURANGABAD
FIRST APPEAL NO. 1184 OF 2016
FROM ORIGINAL DECREE
M.A.C.P No. 211 OF 2013
The Member, Motor Accident Claims Tribunal, Ahmednagar
New India Assurance Co. Ltd., Thr. Divisional Manager/Authorized Signatory, Aurangabad ....Appellants
Versus
Seema Sandeep Rathod And Others
...Respondents

To,
R.No.2) Konduskar Travels Private Limited 241, Harapanahalli (V), Taluka Anekal, District Bangalore (Karnataka) residing at the aforesaid place

Take notice that a First Appeal from the decree of **THE MEMBER, MOTOR ACCIDENT CLAIMS TRIBUNAL, AHMEDNAGAR in M.A.C.P. No. 211** of 2013 has been presented by the aforesaid Appellant and registered in this Court and it is ordered by this Court that the hearing day July, 2024 of the said Appeal will take place on **9th day of July, 2024.**

If no appearance is made on your behalf by yourself, your Advocate or by someone by law authorized to act for you in this First Appeal it will be heard and decided ex-parte in your absence. Witness **The Hon'ble Shri. Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya,** Chief Justice at Bombay aforesaid. **This 21" day of March, 2024.**

By the Court
For Deputy Registrar
Seal
This 21 day of March, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Clients have entered into an Agreement of Sale to purchase the agricultural land in Sy No.18/1, Re-Sy No. 18/36 measuring 2 acers, situated at Uttarahalli Manavarthikaval Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, described as the Schedule Property from **Sri. RAGHAVENDRA.B.K** Aged about 44 years, Son of Krishnaiah.B. Residing at No.103, 6th Cross, Dr Rajkumar Road, Near Srinivasapura, Concord Layout, R.V.Niketan, Bangalore – 560 059.

The Public is hereby informed that if anybody have any objections for the above said Sale, they may file their objections along with the related documents to the under signed within **Ten days** from the date of this publication. If no objections have been received within the above time, my Clients will proceed to Purchase the Schedule Property as nobody have any objections.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of agricultural land in **Sy No.18/1, Re Sy No.18/36** measuring **2 acres,** situated at **Uttarahalli Manavarthikaval Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore,** Bounded on the

East by : Land in Sy No.18/37.
West by : Land in Sy No. 18/3 & Sy No.18/1.
North by : Land in Sy No.18/38.
South by : Land in Sy No. 18/1.

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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER PMGSY
(JKRRDA) CIRCLE BARAMULLA
Email:- Pmgsybla@yahoo.in

NOTICE INVITING E- TENDERS
NIT NO: E-NIT No. 02/SE-PMGSY/Bla-e-Tendering of 2024-25 Dated: - 15-06-2024

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, Superintending Engineer PMGSY Circle Baramulla invite e-tender on Percentage Basis for the following work from the eligible & approved contractors of J&K Govt. CPWD, Railways and other States.

S. No	Name of Work with Package No.	Advertised Cost Incl GST (Rs in Lacs.)	Cost of document (Rs in Rupees.)	Earnest Money (Bid Security) (Rs in Lacs.)	Time for completion (Days)	Tender Call	Time and Date of opening of Tenders online (Technical Bid)	Class of Contractor
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1.	Providing and laying Renewal coat of road from Argam to Chapran Package No JK03-132 Length 5.60 km (PMGSY Division Bandipora)	169.96	2600	3.40	60	1st	09-07-2024 At 10.00 AM	"A" Class in PWD or equivalent in CPWD/Railways and other state Governments
2	Providing and laying Renewal coat of road from Binlipora to Ketson Package No JK03-126 Length 10.00 km (PMGSY Division Bandipora)	220.02	3600	4.84	60	1st	09-07-2024 At 10.00 AM	"A" Class in PWD or equivalent in CPWD/Railways and other state Governments
3	Providing and laying Renewal coat of road from T02-Dolipora to Manzgam Package No JK08-120 Length 9.50 km (PMGSY Division Handwara)	182.76	2600	3.65	60	1st	09-07-2024 At 10.00 AM	"A" Class in PWD or equivalent in CPWD/Railways and other state Governments
4	Providing and laying Renewal coat of road from L027 – Sogam to Thundoosa Package No JK08-127 Length 7.40 km (PMGSY Division kupwara)	163.48	2600	3.27	60	1st	09-07-2024 At 10.00 AM	"A" Class in PWD or equivalent in CPWD/Railways and other state Governments

Position of AA: -Accorded
Position of T.S: -Accorded
Major Head of Account: - MH16-5054-Capital outlay on Roads and Bridges 03-101-0011-2181. Pmgsy Kashmir Roads (Capex Budget).
SPECIAL CONDITIONS: -

a) Performance security shall be furnished by the contractor within 10 days of issuance of LOA, Opening of Bid, failing which the concerned tender issuing authority shall forfeit the performance security and recommended contractor for blacklisting and issue a fresh tender forthwith.
b) The contractor shall start the work after 10 days after issuance of NTP, failing which the penalties viz, forfeiting performance security shall be recommended for blacklisting
c) The work shall be completed by the concerned contractor as per the timeline stipulated in NIT /agreement, failing which action shall be initiated against contractor by forfeiting performance security and shall be recommended for blacklisting. Failure on part of Executive Engineer concerned shall be reflected in his/her APR.
d) If the contractor/firms fail to complete the work within the time mentioned in the NIT/Contract, then the allotted contract will be automatically treated as cancelled after forfeiting the performance security of the contractor/firm and work put to fresh tender.
e) For Macadamisation works under City & Town/Pot Holes Free roads, all Contractors having Class A/B/C stards other than Hot Mix Plant (HMP) Owners have to upload an undertaking stating therein the e-NIT No., Name of work and Source of procurement of macadamisation material, failing which the bid of such contractors shall be considered as non-responsive.
f) To qualify for award of the Contract;

- For packages with total advertised cost more than Rs. 2.50 (Two Crores and fifty lacs), each bidder should have in the last five years:
- Achieved in any one year during last 5 years a minimum financial turnover (in all cases of civil engineering construction works only) volume of construction work of at least 75% of estimated cost of works.
- Satisfactorily completed, as prime contractor, at least one similar work (road work) equal in value @20% of the estimated cost of work for which the bid is invited.
- Note: - In support of their financial turn over contractor should submit scanned copy of audited accounts for the period from 2018-19 to 2022-23.

g) For Packages with PAC upto Rs. 2.50 (Two Crore fifty lacs) ;

- Contractor registered in JKPWD may participate in the tender packages having total advertised cost upto Rs 2.5 Crore on the basis of their registration in appropriate class of contractor subject to fulfilling other conditions of tender document.

1. The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website http://pmgsytendersjk.gov.in as per below schedule: -

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	15-06-2024.
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	19-06-2024, 6:00 PM
3	Bid submission Start Date	20-06-2024, 10:00 AM
4	Bid Submission End Date	08-07-2024, 4:00 PM
5	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	09-07-2024, 11:00 AM (In the office of Superintending Engineer (PMGSY) Circle Baramulla
6	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after opening of Technical Bids (Online)

2. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of treasury challan or Demand Draft pledged to Accounts Officer PMGSY Kashmir payable at Baramulla and upload the same on the e-tendering website. The Earnest money/Bid security in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG should be pledged to the Superintending Engineer PMGSY Circle Baramulla the CDR/FDR/BG shall be valid for 45 Days beyond the bid validity period. The original instruments in respect of cost of documents, EMD and relevant documents of L1 be submitted to the Superintending Engineer PMGSY Circle Baramulla at the time of allotment.
3. That the payment is restricted to the contract cost only and will be subject to the condition that no cost overrun of any kind is to be paid unless and until approved from the competent authority.
4. If any discrepancy/dispute found in the BID document, the Authority Engineer will take the final decision and the contractor has no any legal right to challenge the Authority Engineer's decision.

Sd/-
Superintending Engineer
PMGSY Circle Baramulla

No: - SE/PMGSY/Bla/377-85
Dated: - 15-06-2024
DIPK-1563/24

Government of India
Department of Atomic Energy
Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research
KALPAKKAM.

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"GOVERNMENT STRIVES TO HAVE A WORKFORCE WHICH REFLECTS GENDER BALANCE AND WOMEN CANDIDATES ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY"

OPENING DATE: 01-06-2024 FROM 10:00 AM **CLOSING DATE: 30-06-2024 TILL 11:59 PM**

Online applications are invited for Direct Recruitment from eligible Indian Citizens for appointment to following posts in different Constituent Units of Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) situated across the country:

Group of Post	Post Code	Name of the Post	Discipline	Initial Pay* (Rs.)	Age Limit	Vacancy Details					
						UR	OBC	SC	ST	EWS	Total
A	SOE-01	Scientific Officer/E (Medical)	General Surgery	78,800+NPA (Level-12)	50	1	0	0	0	0	1
A	SOE-02	Scientific Officer/E (Medical)	Nuclear Medicine	78,800+NPA (Level-12)	50	1	0	0	0	0	1
A	SOD-01	Scientific Officer/D (Medical)	Dental Prosthodontics	67,700+NPA (Level-11)	40	1	0	0	0	0	1
A	SOD-02	Scientific Officer/D (Medical)	Anaesthesia	67,700+NPA (Level-11)	40	1	0	0	0	0	1
A	SOD-03	Scientific Officer/D (Medical)	Ophthalmology	67,700+NPA (Level-11)	40	2	0	0	0	0	2
A	SOD-04	Scientific Officer/D (Medical)	Gynaecology	67,700+NPA (Level-11)	40	2	0	0	0	0	2
A	SOD-05	Scientific Officer/D (Medical)	Radiology	67,700+NPA (Level-11)	40	4	0	0	0	0	4
A	SOD-06	Scientific Officer/D (Medical)	Paediatrics	67,700+NPA (Level-11)	40	2	0	0	0	0	2
A	SOD-07	Scientific Officer/D (Medical)	ENT	67,700+NPA (Level-11)	40	1	0	0	0	0	1
A	SOD-08	Scientific Officer/D (Medical)	Nuclear Medicine	67,700+NPA (Level-11)	40	2	0	0	0	0	2
A	SOD-09	Scientific Officer/D (Medical)	General Surgery	67,700+NPA (Level-11)	40	1	0	0	0	0	1
A	SOD-10	Scientific Officer/D (Medical)	Human / Medical Geneticist	67,700+NPA (Level-11)	40	1	0	0	0	0	1
A	SOC-01	Scientific Officer/C (Medical)	General Duty / Casualty Medical Officer	56,100+NPA (Level-10)	35	10	2	1	1	1	15*
B	TOB-01	Technical Officer/B	Physiotherapy	47,600 (Level-8)	30	0	1	0	0	0	1
B	SAC-01	Scientific Assistant/C	Medical Social Worker	44,900 (Level-7)	30	1	0	0	0	0	1
B	NUR-01	Nurse/A	-	44,900 (Level-7)	30	10	7	4	2	4	27
B	SAB-01	Scientific Assistant/B	Pathology	35,400 (Level-6)	30	3	1	1	0	1	6
B	SAB-02	Scientific Assistant/B	Radiography	35,400 (Level-6)	30	0	1	0	0	0	1
B	SAB-03	Scientific Assistant/B	Nuclear Medicine Technologist	35,400 (Level-6)	30	0	2	0	0	2	4
C	PHM-01	Pharmacist/B	-	29,200 (Level-5)	25	8	5	1	0	0	14
C	TNB-01	Technician/B	Orthopaedic Technician	21,700 (Level-3)	25	2	1	0	0	0	1
C	TNB-02	Technician/B	ECG Technician	21,700 (Level-3)	25						1
C	TNB-03	Technician/B	Cardio Sonography Technician	21,700 (Level-3)	25						1
										TOTAL	91

Non-Practicing Allowance (NPA) is admissible to Central Health Service Officers at the rate of 20% of Basic Pay.
* Initial Pay plus allowances as due and admissible to Central Government servants.
* One post reserved for Persons with Benchmark Disability viz. Partially Deaf (PD); One leg (OL) and One Arm (OA).

For details, please visit IGCAR website using the following link: **https://www.igcar.gov.in/recruitment.html.**

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Cong govt will fall soon, HDK knows when: Somanna

Says BJP-JDS alliance giving sleepless nights to ruling party in state

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UNION Minister of State for Railways and Jal Shakti V Somanna has predicted that the Chief Minister Siddaramaiah-led Congress government in the state will not last much longer and Union Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries H D Kumaraswamy may know exactly when it will crumble.

He was speaking after being felicitated along with Kumaraswamy and other BJP and JDS MPs at an event organised by the state BJP at Palace Grounds here on Saturday.

It can be noted that both Somanna, whom the BJP top brass attempted to groom as a Veerashaiva-Lingayat leader on an equal footing with former CM B S Yediyurappa, and Kumaraswamy, a Vokkaliga strongman, have been on good terms with Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

"Whether this government runs for six months or not I have no clue, but Kumaraswamy can tell whether it will fall in three months, six months or after a year," Somanna said.

Yediyurapppa insisted that BJP MPs from the state, including the five ministers, should start the ground work now itself for the next Assembly polls for the party to win 130-140 seats. He suggested that they work as a voice of the state and get clearance for pending projects.

Somanna's statement came in the backdrop of him spending a couple of weeks in the national capital meeting the party bosses. Kumaraswamy too met Shah on June 19 and claimed that he discussed the political situation in Karnataka. Interestingly, Kumaraswamy also met BJP national general secretary (organisation) B L Santhosh on Friday evening.

"I doubt that the Congress government will conduct the BBMP polls. The BJP-JDS alliance should work in tandem in the zilla panchayat and taluk panchayat polls to create a situation where we do not necessarily snatch power from the Congress, but it should collapse on its own," Somanna said.

Somanna, who won as NDA candidate from Tumakuru Lok Sabha seat, said the long-term dream of the BJP and JDS coming together has come true, which he felt has been giving sleepless nights to the ruling Congress in Karnataka. "We should keep aside small differences and work together to keep Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah in good humour," he said.

> **The alliance should work in tandem in the ZP and TP polls to create a situation where we do not necessarily snatch power from the Congress, but it should collapse on its own**
>
> V Somanna, Union Minister of State

He was disheartened over the BJP's poor performance in Kalyana Karnataka region where it lost five seats. Taking note of the party's defeat in Davanagere because of internal bickering, Somanna suggested that party state chief B Y Vijayendra should take action against those responsible for the defeat.

Yediyurappa admitted that the party lost two-three LS seats because of oversight in the selection of candidates.

Vijayendra claimed that the LS polls have once again proved that Karnataka is a BJP stronghold in South India.

"The Congress, which won one seat earlier, may have won nine seats now. But the alliance took the lead in more than 145 Assembly constituencies (that come under 28 LS seats) in the state," he said.

Union ministers V Somanna, HD Kumaraswamy, Pralhad Joshi and Shobha Karandleje being felicitated by BJP leaders, including former CM BS Yediyurappa, state chief BY Vijayendra and LoP R Ashoka at Palace Grounds in Bengaluru on Saturday | EXPRESS

After LS results, BJP, JDS to keep up momentum for ZP, TP elections

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HAVING tasted success with the alliance in the Lok Sabha polls, the BJP and JDS leadership on Saturday blew the poll bugle for the BBMP and ZP, TP polls.

These elections are crucial to strengthen the key bases of both parties across the state and gives an indication that they are likely to continue their alliance up to the next Assembly polls in Karnataka. Both parties vowed to keep up the momentum to snub the ruling Congress which has also been making preparations for the upcoming elections.

The felicitation event organised by the state BJP unit for the 19 NDA MPs, including five ministers, at Palace Grounds was a testimony to the future political endeavour of the two parties with the BJP top brass apparently giving a go ahead for the continuation of the alliance.

"Zilla panchayat and taluk panchayat elections, which empower party workers, will come next. It should be handled responsibly. Let's all work hard. Even in the Assembly session, we will break the arrogance of the Congress together," said BJP state chief B Y Vijayendra.

He said he will embark on a statewide tour after the Assembly session to organise the party for the future polls. "Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given five central ministerial posts to the state and they, along with the MPs, will pay attention to the work that needs to be done for the state," he said.

BJP Central Parliamentary Board member and former CM B S Yediyurappa said the BJP-JDS alliance should work in coordination for the BBMP, ZP and TP and gram panchayat elections. "We should show our strength by winning these together with the JDS," he said.

Yediyurappa said the Congress' "false" guarantees, corruption, mismanagement and lack of development should be highlighted with the people. "Despite promising false guarantees aimed at bigots, the Congress could not attain double digit of seats in the LS polls," he said.

Union Minister of State for Railways and Jal Shakti V Somanna said the alliance will work out in the ZP, TP polls as leaders of both parties will work out the seat sharing matrix amicably.

Leader of opposition R Ashoka felt that the hike in the fuel prices will prove a death knell for the ruling Congress in the state.

Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Pralhad Joshi said the LS poll results have given a clear slap to the Congress government, led by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and DCM D K Shivakumar, within just a year of the Assembly elections. "Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar should have resigned in light of the Maharshi Valmiki Development Corporation scandal. We have to work hard to remove the corrupt, anti-Hindu Congress government," he said.

HDK wants to bring back 2006 BJP-JDS govt in Karnataka

Bengaluru: Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel H D Kumaraswamy on Saturday said if he had continued with the BJP-JDS alliance that he had forged in 2006, the Congress would have bitten the dust in Karnataka by now. "The kind of government that former CM BS Yediyurappa and I led in the past should be brought back to the state. There may be attempts to divide us, but the rank and file should not fall prey to that," he said. After being felicitated at an event organised by the state BJP, Kumaraswamy rained praises on Yediyurappa for helping him, despite being his senior, become the CM in 2006 in the BJP-JDS alliance government. "It was because Yediyurappa could lead the alliance government and if a person like Kumaraswamy is known today, it is because of that. It was not my fault that I did not transfer the power (after 20 months) to Yediyurappa. It happened because of some scheming and conspiracy. The Congress survived in the state today because of our mistake," he said. **ENS**

NADOJA KAMALA HAMPANA PASSES AWAY AT 89

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@ Bengaluru

WELL-known Kannada writer and scholar Nadoja Dr Kamala Hampana passed away after suffering a heart attack at her daughter's house in Rajajinagar, Bengaluru, on Saturday morning.

Dr Kamala Hampana was 89. She is survived by her husband Prof Hampa Nagarajaiah, two daughters and a son. As per her wish, her body will be donated to Ramaiah Medical College.

Dr Kamala Hampana

A recipient of Daana Chintamani Attimabbe Award and Nadoja Award, Dr Kamala Hampana was born in Devanahalli on October 28, 1935, and had her primary education at Challakere. She went to high school in Tumakuru and completed SSLC in 1953. She moved to Mysuru for college education and completed BA course in 1955. After obtaining a doctorate degree in Kannada literature, she worked as a Kannada professor in Bengaluru and Mysuru Maharani colleges. She later became the principal of the Government First Grade College at Vijayanagar in Bengaluru.

She was known for her works on Jain literature and identified herself with women's and Dalit movements. In 2003, she presided over the 71st All India Kannada Sahitya Sammelana at Moodabidri.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, DCM DK Shivakumar, BJP MP Basavaraj Bommai and other dignitaries mourned her death. "I am saddened by the unexpected death of veteran writer Dr Kamala Hampana. Dr Kamala was popular for her research and teaching along with literary work. She wished good for all. I extend my condolences to the family of Dr Hampa Nagarajaiah. May her soul rest in peace," the CM wrote on X.

"Sad to hear the news of Kamala Hampana's demise. She contributed immensely to the field of literature through her writings, speeches, studies and teaching for six decades. The passing away of Nadoja awardee Kamala is a great loss to the literary world," Shivakumar said.

"The news of Nadoja Kamala Hampana's demise is very painful. My condolences to her family. She made a mark in the field of Kannada literature through her articles and research. I pray to God to give strength to Dr Hampa Nagarajaiah's family to bear this loss," Bommai posted on X.

State govt: Balancing between guarantees and price hike

IN September 2021, as Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly, Siddaramaiah demanded a reduction in Sales Tax on petrol and diesel in Karnataka. During a debate in the Assembly on the issue of price rise, he urged the then BJP government to bring down petrol prices by over Rs 3 per litre while citing the Tamil Nadu government's move to reduce the prices. The party had also launched a massive campaign against the price rise.

Now, fast forward to July 2024. A year after it came to power, the Siddaramaiah government is facing flak for increasing the fuel prices by Rs 3 per litre. Opposition BJP and JDS leaders are up in arms and have hit the streets in protest. Accusing the government of burdening common people to fund the guarantee schemes, the opposition parties have decided to continue the protests till the decision on the fuel price hike is rolled back.

The political slugfest between the ruling and opposition parties will continue. After the Lok Sabha elections, the government is taking several measures to mobilize resources as the harsh realities of delivering on the guarantee schemes and sustaining them seem to have turned the heat on the state's finances.

It is exploring every means to get that extra buck for the guarantee schemes and development works. There is a perception that development works have taken a hit over the last year. The increase in fuel prices is expected to help to generate around Rs 3,000 crore a year. The government requires an amount in the range of a whopping Rs 60,000 crore a year for the guarantees.

Although the state government has limited options for resource mobilisation, tightening the screws too much on the citizens could be counterproductive. The very essence of some guarantee schemes, especially the "Gruha Lakshmi" that provides Rs 2,000 financial assistance per month to women heads of households, was to lessen the burden of inflation.

At the scheme's launch in August last year in Mysuru, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi stated that during his "Bharat Jodo yatra" in the state, thousands of women expressed concerns about inflation. Ironically, the move of the government by his own party to increase the fuel prices will impact everyone, including the beneficiaries of the guarantee scheme.

The diesel price increase will impact everyone as transportation costs will go up. As a result of this, prices of commodities will also spike, while the hike in petrol prices will pinch the pockets of motorists. However, the Chief Minister has maintained that there is no plan to hike state transport corporation bus fares.

Justifying its decision to hike fuel prices, the government maintains that it is committed to balanced and responsible governance and the VAT adjustment ensures funding for essential public services and development projects. The government contends that despite increasing VAT on petrol to 29.84% and on diesel to 18.44%, the state's taxes on fuel remain lower than most South Indian states, and the diesel prices in Karnataka are lower than in Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh, the BJP-ruled states. The State Government has also blamed the Centre for an increase in Central Excise duty and urged it to reduce the taxes.

While the timing of the fuel price hike — immediately after the Lok Sabha polls — raised many eyebrows, the state government is also contemplating revising the water tariff, which was not done in the last 10 years.

It has also decided to take women's Self-Help Groups' (SHGs) help to collect property tax and water cess arrears. Property tax arrears of Rs 1,860 crore and water cess dues of Rs 20.25 crore have to be recovered. Meanwhile, earlier this week, the government issued a draft notification for rationalising liquor prices in the state. With the move to bring down the prices of premium liquor, the state is aiming at making the prices more competitive compared to other southern states and increasing the state's revenues.

While going on an overdrive to mobilise the resources, the State Government has to be extra cautious as any move that burdens the citizens could invite their wrath. That could undo the goodwill it has gained by implementing the five guarantees.

Kumaraswamy promises support to HMT

Bengaluru: Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel HD Kumaraswamy on Saturday held a meeting with top officials of Hindustan Machine and Tools (HMT) in Bengaluru. Kumaraswamy reviewed details on turnover, net profit and other key metrics and discussed the financial, production and operational conditions of the company with the officials, said a note from the minister's office. The minister emphasised the need to strengthen the company and instructed Chairman and Managing Director Rajesh Kohli to submit a proposal to the central government for necessary support. **ENS**

Case registered against Suraj Revanna

BR UDAYA KUMAR
@Holenarasipur (Hassan)

THE Holenarasipur Rural police on Saturday registered a case against MLC **Dr Suraj Revanna** following a complaint by a youth alleging that he was forced into a homosexual act by the legislator.

The youth, hailing from a village in Arkalgud taluk, mentioned in the complaint that the incident happened at the MLC's farmhouse in Gannikada village of Holenarasipur taluk on June 16. The police registered the case against Suraj under Sections 377, 342 and 506 of the IPC.

The victim filed a complaint against Suraj at the DG&IGP's office in Bengaluru when the Holenarasipur police allegedly refused to register the case on Friday. Sources said the DG&IGP reportedly directed the Hassan SP to act on the complaint. Security was tightened at the Holenarasipur Rural police station when the youth arrived to lodge the complaint.

In the complaint, he stated that Suraj, the elder brother of former Hassan MP Prajwal Revanna, threatened him with dire consequences if he disclosed the matter. Suraj allegedly also warned the victim that he had murdered three persons and will kill his family. Suraj told him that his grandfather is a former PM, uncle a Union minister and the family has strong political clout, the complaint stated.

Meanwhile, Suraj termed the matter as politically motivated. "The complaint is baseless. A counter case has also been registered against the complainant. The truth will come out soon," he said.

Holenarasipur Rural police brought Suraj from his farmhouse to the CEN station in Hassan on Saturday evening for inquiry over the complaint on alleged blackmailing by the victim.

KIOCL MINING

'No documents of permissions'

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OFFICIALS added that they were also investigating how mining permission was given to KIOCL in Devadri Hills, when it was rejected by the forest department and the environment committee in 2020. "Surpassing all procedures, in 2021 the BJP government gave preliminary approval. In December 2022, final clearance was given and the file was sent to the ministry for approval. It was shelved for a long time, but when Kumaraswamy took charge, he immediately signed the file permitting iron ore mining in Devadri. There are no documents of permissions in department records," the official said.

The area where mining permission has been sought is spread across 6,500 hectares, home to endemic trees and plants. Forest officials said KIOCL is not giving land in lieu, they have instead given Rs 194 crore to take up compensatory afforestation.

Pre-budget meeting: K'taka urges centre to release ₹5,300 cr for UBP

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THE state government on Saturday requested the Centre to release Rs 5,300 crore that was announced earlier for the Upper Bhadra Water Project and declare it as a national project.

On behalf of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda presented the state government's views at the pre-budget meeting held by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman with CMs, DyCMs and Finance Ministers of states.

The state urged the Union government to release special grants of Rs 11,495 crore as recommended by the Finance Commission, according to a note from the revenue minister's office.

Karnataka also asked the Centre to include cess and surcharges in the divisible pool so that states get their rightful share in central taxes.

The Karnataka government has requested the Centre to declare the Upper Bhadra Water Project as a national project | EXPRESS

The Congress government in the state had earlier accused the Centre of disparity in tax devolution.

The other demands from the state included announcing a special package for the development of Bengaluru and Kalyana Karnataka region, enhancing honorarium for anganwadi, Asha and mid-day meal workers and increasing the Centre's share to beneficiaries in housing schemes from Rs 1.5 lakh to Rs 5 lakh in urban and from Rs 1.2 lakh to Rs 3 lakh in rural areas.

The state government also urged the Centre to announce an All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) for Raichur. During the meeting, a detailed note from the CM with more suggestions was placed on the record.

The regional Virological Research and Diagnosis Laboratory, which was announced a year ago, will be set up on the premises of the Karnataka Institute of Medical Sciences in Hubballi by the National Centre for Disease Control, New Delhi

55 dead, but no breakthrough in probe yet

Over 150 victims still in various hospitals; CB-CID investigating the case; Seven people arrested so far, say sources

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FOUR days after the Kallakurichi hooch tragedy in which 55 people had died so far and more than 150 people are still hospitalised, breakthrough in investigation still seems elusive. The CB-CID, which is probing the case, is yet to make public the progress of investigation in the case.

Though agency officials remain tight-lipped, sources said at least seven people have been arrested in the case so far, and two more are under the scanner. The Kallakurichi district police had already arrested Govindharaj alias Kannukutty, his wife Vijaya and brother Dhamodhiran. Police have also arrested Madhan of Puducherry and one of his accomplices from the Union Territory, sources said.

Chief Minister MK Stalin on Friday told the Tamil Nadu Assembly that 200 litres of illicit liquor mixed with methanol has been seized from them. Sources said police are probing the role played by Madhan in supplying methanol from Puducherry to Kallakurichi. Another person under the agency's scanner is Chinnadurai, a resident of Kallakurichi, who allegedly acted as the middleman between Madhan and Govindharaj.

His accomplice Madhesh has also been picked up from Chennai, sources said.

AIADMK MLAs led by Edappadi K Palaniswami stage a walkout from the Assembly in Chennai on Saturday | PJAWAHAR

TN HOOCH TRAGEDY

The police are also probing the role of Madhesh and Joseph Raja of Kallakurichi, sources said.

The investigators are working to find out how methanol from defunct factories in Madhavaram near Chennai, Andhra Pradesh and Puducherry was procured by the accused for being mixed with the locally brewed illicit liquor, sources said.During his address in the Assembly on Friday, Stalin had mentioned about the two illicit liquor cases being investigated by the CB-CID in Chengalpet and Villupuram district that were booked last year.

In the Villupuram case, 21 people had been arrested and eight were jailed under the Goondas Act and 16 police personnel were facing departmental action. The chargesheet has been filed in the case, the chief minister said.

AIADMK walks out; CBI probe demand rejected

AIADMK members led by former chief minister Edappadi K Palaniswami staged a walkout from the Assembly for the second day on Saturday after their demand to discuss Kallakurichi incident during question hour was rejected by Speaker. Law minister Regupathy also rejected the opposition's request for a CBI probe

KARNATAKA STEPS UP VIGIL IN VILLAGES ALONG TN BORDER

K SHIVA KUMAR @ Mysuru

WITH the Kallakurichi hooch tragedy still fresh in the minds of people, the Karnataka Excise Department has swung into action, conducting surprise raids along the state's border with Tamil Nadu.

As many as 55 people have died so far in the hooch tragedy in the town of Kallakurichi in Tamil Nadu.

The Karnataka Excise Department raided some houses in a few villages in the state along the Tamil Nadu border on suspicion that a few residents were manufacturing spurious liquor.

The excise team led by its DySP and police inspectors of Ramapura and Hannur conducted the raids in Pupsapura, Kote Pode, Thanda Medu Bidarahalli, and Maratahalli villages. The team, based on past information, raided the houses and warned the occupants against manufacturing illicit liquor. The team has also taken the local police, panchayat officials, and social workers into confidence to gather information on those involved in the manufacture and sale of illegal liquor.

The manufacture and sale of spurious liquor thrived for decades in border villages in Nallore, Kadamabur, Dinnahalli, Jaggere, and Kote Lambani Thanda, with dozens of families involved in it. The liquor would be manufactured, filled in glass bottles, and sold to households.

In the past, many in the excise and police departments feared abduction from the Veerapan gang and hence did not conduct any raids or prevent people from selling spurious liquor across the border.

Excise and police personnel at a village on Karnataka-Tamil Nadu border | EXPRESS

Japamalai, a resident of Maratahalli village, said that many people preparing spurious liquor buried mud pots in mud for a week for the liquor to ferment. "Illegal liquor flowed more than water in a few villages. However, the manufacture and sale have stopped as youth and children in the families involved in the illegal activity got educated and opted for other professions in nearby towns in Tamil Nadu and Karnataka," he added.

Mani of nearby Nallore village added that spurious liquor was manufactured on farms and hilly terrain to avoid trouble from the excise officials. While a few others said that the illegal sale of liquor in many shops and houses in almost all the villages has put an end to spurious liquor. "Why will anyone take the risk of preparing spurious liquor when several brands are sold in petty shops or in houses in many villages," asked a resident.

However, the officials concerned are in no mood to take any risk and have stepped up vigil along the border. They have started gathering information on the movements and earnings of a few people who were involved in preparing spurious liquor in the past.

> **Illegal liquor flowed more than water in a few villages. However, the manufacture and sale have stopped as youth and children in the families involved in the illegal activity got educated and opted for other professions** — Japamalai, a resident of Maratahalli villager

STATES' WISHLIST

AP seeks ₹15K cr grant for Amaravati from Union Govt

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A request for a grant of ₹15,000 crore for the construction and development of Amaravati as the sole capital city of Andhra Pradesh, and more allocation for expeditious completion of Polavaram Irrigation Project, were the major proposals submitted by State Finance Minister Payyavula Keshav in the pre-budget meeting chaired by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in New Delhi on Saturday.

During the meeting, Keshav said on behalf of the Government of Andhra Pradesh, he was making five major requests, which are Central government support for the State in the form of States' Economic Development Assistance, given the precarious situation of Andhra Pradesh post bifurcation, and the legacy of dead liabilities they received from the previous government.

"Our government, which secured an unprecedented people's mandate with more than 57% vote share, will focus on progressive capital expenditure and infrastructure, and I request comprehensive support from the Centre," he said.

Mentioning that Andhra Pradesh was bereft of the capital even a decade after the State bifurcation, Keshav said their government is focusing on construction and development of Amaravati as the sole capital city of the State, and sought ₹15,000 crore as a grant in the Union Budget for 2024-25 for office buildings and other key infrastructure.

Asserting that once the national project Polavaram is completed, Andhra Pradesh will be self-sufficient in irrigation, drinking water supply and power generation, the Finance Minister sought liberal allocations in the Union Budget for the project. He also sought industrial incentives and Central aid for industrial development as a robust industrial sector is essential for job creation and higher GSDP.

Odisha demands partial funding of Subhadra scheme

Bhubaneswar: The new BJP government in Odisha on Saturday presented a long list of demands before the Centre. Attending the pre-budget meeting and GST council meeting, Odisha DyCM KV Singh Deo has put forth the demand for a second AIIMS in the state at Sambalpur along with higher allocations for several sectors. He has also sought partial funding from the Centre for implementation of Subhadra scheme under which every woman will receive a voucher of `50,000 to be encashed over a period of two years.

Tent cloth put around police stn removed

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THE SPP told the court that names and details of the witnesses have not been mentioned in the remand application because of possible threats to them by Darshan's associates. Darshan's advocates accused the police of committing procedural lapses by denying them a copy of the remand application. In 2011, Darshan was sent to Bengaluru central prison for reportedly assaulting his wife Vijayalakshmi.

Two more key witnesses in the Renukaswamy murder case will be giving their statements before the judge under 164 CrPC soon. Narendra Singh, the guard of the shed where the murder took place, has given his statements. The police are said to have collected 139 pieces of evidence in the case.

On Saturday morning, the four accused were subjected to medical tests at Annapoorneshwari Nagar police station. The police had a tough time while shifting the accused to the court around 3 pm. The actor's fans followed the police vehicles. The vehicles carrying Darshan and other accused reached the prison around 4.55 pm.The remand application submitted to the court by the police stated that the witnesses and some of the accused faced threats reportedly from Darshan's associates. The tent cloth put around Annapoorneshwari Nagar police station was removed on after the accused were remanded in judicial custody.

Karnataka Agriculture Minister N Chaluvarayaswamy at a stall at 'Product Santhe' at GKVK Campus, in Bengaluru on Saturday

UAS' Product Santhe attracts 15,000 visitors

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THE University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS) organised its inaugural University of Agricultural Sciences - Product Santhe at the GKVK Campus on Saturday. The event aims to raise awareness among the public, particularly farmers, about the university's activities and products.

N Chaluvarayaswamy, Agriculture Minister and Prochancellor of UAS Bangalore, inaugurated the santhe that serves as a platform to showcase a diverse array of products and varieties developed by UAS and promoted by self-help groups. Highlights included seeds, aromatic and medicinal plants, organic jaggery, honey, and value-added products such as silkworm cocoons and banana plants.

Additionally, Rajmudi rice, organic ragi, coconut oil, handmade scented soaps, face creams, vegetable seed packets, jackfruit products, millets, nutritional laddus, bakery products, ready-to-cook powders, mixtures, and pickles were featured attractions.

Over its six-decade history, UAS Bangalore has developed 485 technologies and 328 varieties, which continue to be highly favoured among farmers nationwide, significantly boosting agricultural production in Karnataka.

The event attracted more than 15,000 attendees, comprising both the public and farmers.

KSDC helps 94 K'taka youth get jobs in Slovakia

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THE Karnataka Skill Development Corporation (KSDC) has implemented its ambitious scheme to help youths from Karnataka get jobs abroad. As part of the scheme, the KSDC has succeeded in providing jobs to 94 youths in Slovakia. They have completed BE, diploma, ITI and other job oriented courses.

The department has taken all the steps, including training to job aspirants as per their qualification, getting visas, scrutinising documents, food, lodging and other facilities.

After Slovakia has shown interest to recruit 1,500 assembly line operators from Karnataka, Skill Development, Livelihood & Medical Education Minister Dr Sharan Prakash Patil had directed the officials to ink an agreement with the External Affairs Ministry. The department invited eligible candidates and started recruitment process and as part of this arrangement, a batch of 94 candidates including 54 ITI and 31 diploma holders were sent to Slovakia, stated a release from the department.

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Patil said each candidate would get 970 Euros (Rs 86,000) per month as salary. The KSDC has also facilitated jobs for 37 drivers in Hungary besides working out modalities for welders to get jobs in Mauritius and continuing recruitment process for other technicians and blue collar jobs.

KSDC MD M Kanagavalli said that they are trying to meet the human resources demand from Australia, Japan, Germany, Finland, Norway and other European and Gulf countries.

Union min Suresh Gopi vows urgent measures to protect Varkala Cliff

SHAINU MOHAN @ T'Puram

UNION Minister of State for Tourism Suresh Gopi on Saturday visited the Varkala Cliff along with a team of officials and assessed the current status of the geological structure, which is fast eroding.

Gopi said urgent measures will be taken to protect the Varkala Cliff—a declared national geological monument and a geo-heritage site.

Besides Gopi, former union minister V Muraleedharan, Geological Survey of India (Kerala) deputy director V Ambili and District Collector Geromic George were part of the team. Heavy rain this season has accelerated the erosion leading to significant collapses at many places along the 6.1-km-long red laterite cliff. *TNIE* has reported extensively on various violations and human activities that triggered and accelerated the erosion.

The team visited the Bali Mandapam area, where a significant portion has collapsed leading to the closure of the Mandapam at Papanasam beach. The district collector had ordered the demolition of the cliff near the Bali Mandapam invoking various sections under the Disaster Management Act, triggering widespread protests. Following this, the GSI stepped in demanding the conservation of the cliff.

Union MoS for Tourism Suresh Gopi warns GSI (Kerala) Deputy Director V Ambili from going to the edge of the Varkala Cliff in Thiruvananthapuram on Saturday | BPDEEPU

> **A panel from our headquarters will study the situation and we will submit an interim report to the admin-istration soon. A five-month-long detailed scientific study will be also be conducted...**
> V Ambili, Geological Survey of India (Kerala) deputy director

Second annual conference on homelessness

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NAMMA Kutumba- Dignity to the Homeless, a collective in Bengaluru, held their second annual conference on homelessness here on Saturday. Their Bangalore Homeless Programme is an umbrella entity that hosts like-minded organisations to come together in planning, strategising and delivering health, mental health, and social care services for homeless persons.

There are four organisations currently leading this collective programme: Project Smile Trust, Aaladamara Foundation, HBS Hospital and Thanal.

Since its inception in 2022, Namma Kutumba project has reached out to over 16,000 individuals through outreach, medical, psychiatric and long-term care and have completed 1,465 rescues, conducted 397 street medical camps and 40 homeless people were reunited with their families.

Aaladamara foundation (Azim Premji Foundation) Chief Strategy Officer, Hrishikesh Parthasarathy, said that the impact of a collaborative effort far exceeds those that operate in silos, and we have witnessed that through the Bangalore Homeless Programme.

Two elephants found dead in Kodagu estates

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IN two separate incidents, two wild elephants were found dead inside private estate limits in Kodagu. One elephant drowned in an estate lake, while another died of suspected electrocution.

In the first incident, a wild elephant was found floating in a lake inside a private estate in Kodagu. The incident was reported at Hacchinadu village near Ammathi of South Kodagu. The male tusker is suspected to be approximately 13 years old.

A herd of wild elephants entered the estate limits of M Nanda of Hacchinadu village at sunset on Friday. The herd came to quench their thirst from the lake, and it is suspected that the male elephant accidently slipped and fell into the lake. The recent rains increased the slush deposit in the lake, and because of this, the elephant was unable to pull itself up. Forest department veterinarian Dr Chittiyappa confirmed that the elephant suffocated after it could not lift itself from the lake.

One of the elephants found dead in Kodagu district

In another incident, a wild elephant approximately aged 10 was found dead in Arvathoklu village limits near Gonikoppal. The elephant is suspected to have come in contact with an old electricity line. The spot was visited by DCF Jaganath.

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ORANGE ALERT ISSUED FOR THE NILGIRIS; CHENNAI RECEIVES 336% EXCESS RAIN IN JUNE

CHENNAI: With eight more days left in June, Chennai city has so far recorded 336% excess rainfall — 198.1 mm of average rainfall as against the normal 45.4 mm during the month. Late-night showers are forecasted for a few more days, a continuation of the trend could make June 2024 the third or second wettest June month in the city's history. In June 1996, Nungambakkam weather station received the highest rainfall of 697.5 mm. Meanwhile, the Regional Meteorological Centre, Chennai, has issued an orange alert for Nilgiris and the ghat areas in Coimbatore for Sunday as heavy to very heavy rain is forecasted. Meanwhile, Kanniyakumari and ghat areas of Tiruppur, Dindigul, Theni, Tenkasi and Tirunelveli districts will receive heavy rain. **ENS**

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DEMAND NOTICEUNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002

You the below mentioned Borrower and Co-Borrowers have availed Business Loan by creating mortgage infavour of Company, more particularly described hereunder anddefaulted in repayment of thesame. Consequent to your defaults, your loans were classifiedas Non-Performing Assets as defined in Sec. 2(o) of the Act and for the recovery of the outstanding dues, issued demand notice under section 13(2) of theSecuritization And Reconstruction of Financial Asset and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, the contents of which are being published herewith as per section 13(2) of the act read with Rule 3(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 as and by way of alternate service upon you. Details of the Borrower, Co-Borrowers, Securities, Outstanding Dues, Demand Notice sent under Sec. 13(2) and amount claimed there under are given as under:

Loan Number : FSKALALONS000005013766	Name and Addressof the Borrower, Co-Borrowers	Details of the Immovable Property
Demand Notice Date : 25-03-2024		All that piece and parcel of Land and Building bearing Site No.84/16, Sri Gandad Kavalu Village, Srinivasa Nagar, 18th Cross, 2nd Main Road,Yeswanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluka, Dasarahalli CMC and Dasarahalli CMC Limits, Presently BBMP Limits, Bangalore 560091, Land measuring an Extent of 410 Sq. Feet, Bounded on the:East by: Road, West by : Private Property, North by: Private Property South by : Dranage & Road. Measuring: East to West on Both sides :10 Ft, South Eastern Side : 41 Ft, North to South on Western Side : 41 Ft The property is Situated within the Registration District of Bangalore and Sub-Distrkt of Sree Rampuram
Loan Amount: Rs.9,00,000/-	**1. Mr.Shankar.D, S/o.Deve Gowda, Aged About : 55 Years, 2. Mr. Mani, W/s.Shankar D, Aged About :54 Years, 3. Mr. Pavan D.S, S/o.Shankar Aged About : 31 Years, Above 1 to 3** are residing at: No.84/16, Srinivasa Nagar, Srigandhada Kavalu, 18th Cross, 2nd Main Road, Bangalore - 91 **Also Above 1 to 3 residing at :** No.2, Muthurayaswamy Layout, 18th Cross, Sunkadakatte, Bangalore - 91.	
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Place: Bangalore, Date: 17-06-2024 **Sd/- Authorized Officer, For M/s Five Star Business Finance Limited**

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that the my clients, **(1) Smt. ARUNA. M,** W/o.Late Sri.V.Venkatesh, Aged about 48 years, **(2) Sri.,MUKESH.V,** S/o. W/o. Late Sri.V.Venkatesh, Aged about 29 years, **(3) Mr. KISHORE.V,** S/o. W/o. Late Sri.V.Venkatesh, Aged about 27 years, **all are Residing at** : No.16/5, 8th 'B' Cross, Annayappa Colony, New Thippasandra, Bangalore-560 075, are the true and absolute joint owners of the Schedule Properties.

The Original Partition Deed dated 20.08.2015, Registered as Document No.BSK1-05139/2015-16, of Book-1, Stored in CD No.BSKD318, Registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Basavanagudi (Banashankari), Bangalore under which the Schedule Properties have fallen to the share of Late Sri.V.Venkatesh being the Husband of the 1st of my client and father of 2nd & 3rd of my clients who passed away on 26.10.2016, has been misplaced/lost in transit on 18.06.2024, at Xerox Shop at Jeevan Bhima Nagar Main Road, Bangalore at around 3.00 P.M and **online police complaint has been lodged by my clients vide lost report No.1107051/2024 to the Bangalore City Police on 19.06.2024 to the said effect.**

The General Public is/are hereby requested to hand over the said document to my clients or to the under signed if they find the same and they will be well rewarded and the Public are also cautioned not to deal with any strangers in respect of the subject property other than my clients who are the absolute owners of the Schedule Properties and if done so they will be doing so at their own risk and consequences.

SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

ITEM NO.1: Property Site No.14, Khatha No.754/ 169/14, Property ID No.1502001007-00320113, formed in the Composite Property, situated at Bandenallasandra Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, approved by Anekal Planning Authority, vide their meeting No.27, Resolution No.12, dated 04.11.2011 and Order No. LAO/47/2010-11 dated 23.11.2011, site measuring 87.235 Square Meters, and bounded: **East by :** 261 Square Feet land given to Balamma; and added in Site No.15 of Balamma (As per the compromise decree), **West by :** Site No.13, **North by :** Kyalasanahalli Boundary, (Armanium layout), **South by :** Road.

ITEM NO.2 : Property Site No.23, Khatha No.763/ 169/23, Property ID No.1502001007-00320118, formed in the Composite Property, situated at Bandenallasandra Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, approved by Anekal Planning Authority, vide their meeting No.27, Resolution No.12, dated 04.11.2011 and Order No.LAO/47/2010-11 dated 23.11.2011, site measuring East to West: 9.14 Meters. North to South: 12.10 Meters, in all measuring 111.41 Square Meters, and bounded: **East by :** Site No 22, **West by :** Site No.24, **North by :** Road, **South by:** Site No.44.

VELLANKI RAVI, Advocate, #321, 1st Floor, C.M.H Road, Indiranagar, Bangalore –38. (Mob. 9844121658)

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-TENDER NOTICE

Tender No : Re-01,02,03,04,05,06,07,08,09/2024-25/SE/PHC/MVPA

Jal Jeevan Mission-Idukki District (01) CWSS to Marayoor -Construction of well cum pump house and supply and laying of RWPM at Kanthalloor (02)CWSS to Marayoor-Construction of Well cum Pump house and Transformer control room at Pamber river, Supply and erection of Transformers and Power connection charges, Supplying and Laying RWPM.03) WSS to Arakkulam -Supply and laying RWPM, CWPM, and construction of GLSRs in various zones, supplying, commissioning of clear water pump sets 04) WSS to Arakkulam –supply, and commissioning of Clear water pump sets and allied works in various pump houses of Arakkulam Velliyamattom 05) CARWSS to Alakode - Shifting and replacement of pipe lines in Chelachuvadu Vannappuram road 06) Providing FHtc ChinnakanalGP, Supplying, commissioning of 200 mm DI Pumping main and construction of 1 LL GLSR cum Pump house. (07)-Supplying and Commissioning of 100 mm DI K9 Pumping main, 150 mm DI K9, Gravity main, and Distribution system for zones 3, 5 and 6. Design and construction of 1.5 LL ,0.3 LL , and 0.25 LL steel tanks, and providing FHTCs, (08)Supplying and Commissioning of 100 mm GI,125 mm GI gravity mains,80 mm Pumping main, construction of 0.1 LL Steel tank and providing FHTCs 9)WSS to Arakkulam -Supply and laying of CWGM from Thadiyanal to Nallyani & Devarupara , providing steel tank - 2Nos.and Providing distribution system EMD : Rs. 50,000/- to 100000/- Tender fee : Rs. 5515/- to 8270 /- Last Date for submitting Tender : 17-07-2024 04:00 pm Phone : 04852835637, Website : www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in

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F.No. 86/1/5/2024-Ele/ Dated 20.06.2024

E-TENDER NOTICE

e-Tender invited vide F.No. 86/1/5/2024-Ele/1070 dated 20.06.2024 for the supply and installation of 3 x 1010kVA DG sets at the Power houses at Minicoy and Kiltan Islands. Last date for submission of bid is 3 PM, 19.07.2024. For details, please visit website **www.tendersutl.gov.in.**

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (ELE)

HDFC BANK LIMITED

Regd. Office: HDFC Bank House, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel (West), Mumbai - 400013
Branch: #51, HDFC House, Kasturba Road, Bangalore 560 001
Tel:-080-41183000 CIN L65920MH1994PLC080618 Website: www.hdfcbank.com

DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13 (2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **HDFC Bank Limited** (erstwhile HDFC Limited having amalgamated with HDFC Bank Limited by virtue of a Scheme of Amalgamation approved by Hon'ble NCLT-Mumbai vide order dated 17th March 2023) **(HDFC)** under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued Demand Notices under Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) listed hereunder, to pay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice/s, within 60 days from the date of the respective Notice/s, as per details given below. The undersigned have, caused these Notices to be pasted on the premises of the last known respective addresses of the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s). Copies of the said Notices are available with the undersigned, and the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s), may, if they so desire, collect the respective copy from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.

In connection with the above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) to pay to **HDFC,** within 60 days from the date of publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below in their respective names, together with further interest @ 18% p.a. as detailed in the said Demand Notices from the respective dates mentioned below in column (c) till the date of payment and / or realization, read with the loan agreement and other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following Secured Asset(s) have been mortgaged to **HDFC** by the said Borrower (s) respectively.

Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset/s.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative (s)	Total Outstanding Dues	Date of Demand Notice	Description of Secured Asset in respect of which Security Interest has been created
(a)	(b)	c	(d)	(f)
1	**(1) Mr. M Kumar (Borrower) (2) Mrs. Ravi Kumar Veena (Co-Borrower-1) (3) Mr. Ravi Kumar (Co-Borrower-2), all are residing at :** 107, Sumukha Building, 12th Main Road, 2nd Stage, 9th Block, Nagarbhavi, BDA Layout, Nagarbhavi, Bengaluru 560072 **Also at :** No. 1106, 11th Main,9th Block 2nd Stage, Nagarabhavi BDA Layout, Bengaluru 560072, **Also at :** Flat-B6-37, Ground Floor, BDA Flats-Alur Phase 2, S No 113, Alur Layout, Yelahanka Hobli, Near Golden Palms Resort, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore-560063 **Mrs. Ravi Kumar Veena (Co-Borrower-1) Also at :** No.284, 5th Cross, Kalyan Nagar, Near Ganesh Temple, Nagarabhavi, Bengaluru 560072, **Mr. Ravi Kumar (Co-Borrower-2), Also at :** Schneider Electric India Private Limited, **Designation:** Assistant Manager, **Department:** Finance Accounting, B Wing 6th Floor Elnath, Building Exora Business, Marathahalli Outer Ring Road, Bangalore 560103	**Loan A/c No. 634616115 Rs.16,39,305/- (Rupees Sixteen Lakhs Thirty Nine Thousand Three Hundred Five Only) as on 30.04.2024**	10.06.2024 ..... N.P.A. Date: (e) 03.01.2024	**Schedule- A :** Bangalore District, Alur Village **Sy No.113,114,115** belonging to BDA Residential complex Phase 2, 6th Block, all the 8 residential house on land and measuring North to South 18.10 meter, East to West 34.40 Meter total 8 houses area of **622.64 Sq.Mtrs** of which Each one house area is **77.83 Sq.mtrs**, **bounded by: East :** Block No.5, **West :** Main Road/ Car Parking, **North :** Road, **South :** Block No.1 **Schedule- B : 77.83 Sq Mtr** in Schedule-A as an undivided share of the Property with rights and ownership given. **Schedule- C : House No.37,** constructed in Schedule-A, Bangalore District, Alur Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, 2nd Stage, Type 3, 2 BHK House, B6 Block, Ground Floor, BDA Flats with super built area of **134.06 Sq. Mtrs** with undivided share of **land bounded by: East :** Passage, **West :** House No.58, **North :** Road, **South :** House No.8. **And any construction thereon present and future.**
2	**(1) Mr. B Santhosh G (Borrower),** No.16, Ganganaghatta, At Post Tiptur, Tiptur H O, Tumkur 572201, **(2) Mrs. B Antiha G, (Co-Borrower)** D/o Basavegowda Gungurumale, Nonavinakere, Gungurumale Post, Albur, Tumkur -572224 **Also at : State Govt Primary Schools- Tumkur, Designation:** Principal, **Department:** Teaching, Morarji Desai School, Narasapura Village, Hebbur Hobli, Hebbur, Tumkur-572120, **(3) M/s. K S Associates,** Represented by Mr. B.Santhosh.G, Designation : Proprietor, All are residing at : No.792, 76th Cross, 6th Block, Rajajinagar, Dr Rajkumar Road, Bengaluru- 560010, **Also at :** Plot 102, S No Khata Number 7240/102, House Sadashiva Nagar, Nelamangala Town, Bengaluru -562123.	**Loan A/c Nos. (1) 638144670 Rs.30,04,470/- (2) 639306614 Rs. 1,29,773/- Total Rs. 31,34,243/- (Rupees Thirty One Lakhs Thirty Four Thousand Two Hundred and Forty Three Only) as on 30.04.2024**	10.06.2024 ..... N.P.A. Date: (e) 03.01.2024	All that piece and parcel of the bearing **Site No. 102, Ward No.22,** property bearing No. **Khaneshumari No.7240/102,** formed in covered land bearing **Sy No. 213, measuring 10 Acres 23 guntas** vide conversion order No.ALN.SR(N)21/1999-2000, dated 04.08.1999, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore E property No. 17-504-199, situated at Nelamangala Town, Sadashivanagar Layout, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, measuring East to West 40 Feet and North to South 30 Feet in all measuring **1200 Sq. Feet** and **bounded on the: East by :** Property bearing No. 17-503-160 (Site No.123), **West by :** Road, **North by :** Property bearing No. 17-504-197 (Site No.101), **South by :** Property bearing No.17-504-201 (Site No.103). **And any construction thereon present and future.**

*with further interest cost, expenses, and charges as applicable incurred till the date of payment and / or realization. If the said Borrower (s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) fail to make payment to **HDFC Bank Limited** as aforesaid, then **HDFC Bank Limited** shall proceed against the above Secured Asset / Immovable Property under Section 13 (4) of the said Act and the applicable Rules entirely at the risk of the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) as to the costs and consequences.

The said Borrower (s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) are prohibited under the said Act to transfer the aforesaid Secured Asset / Immovable Property, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of **HDFC Bank Limited**. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the Act or Rules made thereunder shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

Date : 23.06.2024 **For HDFC Bank Ltd.**
Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorized Officer of HDFC Bank Ltd. under SARFAESI Act, 2002**

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

बैंक ऑफ़ इंडिया BOI Bank of India
Bengaluru Zone / Recovery Department : # 11, 1st Floor, K. G. Road, Bengaluru-09.
T.: 080-2295 9407 / 08 | **E.:** Bengaluru.ARD@bankofindia.co.in
AssetRecovery.Bengaluru@bankofindia.co.in

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES "APPENDIX-IV-A [See proviso to Rule 8 (6)]

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable properties Mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of **Bank of India,** will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is",** and **"Whatever there is"** for recovery of below mentioned amount/s. The details of Borrower/s/Guarantor/s/Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date, Time & EMD amount are mentioned below.

Sl. No.	Name & Address of Borrower/s / Guarantor/s / Mortgagor (s)	Description of Immovable Property With Known Encumberances	Branch Name; Account No; Total Dues	Date & Time of E-Auction	Reserve Price; EMD Amount Last Day to deposit EMD	Status of Possession (Symbolic/ Physical)	Property Inspection Date
1.	**Mr. Suhas M (BORROWER)** No 842/1 Pipeline Road Opp to Water Supply **Yeshwanthpur,** Bangalore North, **Yeshwanthpura,** Bangalore-560022	**'A' Schedule Property :** Equitable mortgage of all the piece and parcel of the residential immovable property bearing BBMP Khata No 4857/115/4 situated at Kengeri, Bangalore in Ward No 198 of Hemmigepura Sub-division, measuring 66,249 square feet (formerly carved out of the residentially converted land bearing survey No 115/4, Kengeri Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk vide Conversion order dated 03.03.2005 No BDS/ALN (S) / SR (KT) /233/2004-05 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore) presently within the revenue administrative jurisdiction of the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike and **bounded as follows : East by :** Yellamma Temple at vidyapeetha Land **West by :** Road & Maramma Temple Land **North by :** Buddanna's Land **South by :** K R Timmaiah's Land **'B' Schedule Property :** 711.14 Square feet of undivided interest in the land of the 'A' Schedule property. **'C' Schedule property :** All the piece and parcel of the residential immovable property being an Apartment bearing Flat No E -205,2nd Floor, in " LINEA SUNFLOWER " With a super build up area of 1444 Square feet situated at Survey No 115/4, situated at Kengeri Village, Kengeri Hobli, Banglore South Thaluk, BBMP Ward No 198, Bangalore and **bounded as follows: Flat Boundaries : East by :** Flat No 202 **West by :** Corridor **North :** Flat No E - 203 **South :** Flat No E – 206	**BRANCH: ASSET RECOVERY BRANCH** A/C No: 842475110000124 for recovery of Rs. 65,23,276.17/- (Rupees Sixty Five Lakhs Twenty Three Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Six and One Seven Paisa) with further interest at contractual interest thereon from date: 01.10.2023 compounded with monthly rests and all costs, Charges and Expenses incurred by the Bank, till repayment by Borrower.	**25-07-2024 & 11.00 AM to 05.00 PM**	**Reserve price: Rs. 65,43,000/- EMD: Rs.6,54,300/-**	Symbolic	From 25-06-2024 to 23-07-2024 between 10.00 AM to 4.00 PM Contact: AO Mobile No: 9850477529
2.	**Mr. Kalairaj M Address 1:** Old No-163/1, New No-11/1,Vanivilas Road, V. V. Puram, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru-560004 **Also available at : Address 2:** Flat No-202, 1st Floor, V S Vaishnavi Hevens, Municipal No-2530, Kumaraswamy Layout, 2nd Stage, Bengaluru- 560055	**Schedule – I : (Details of the Immovable Property wherein mortgaged property is situated):** All that piece and parcel of the Immovable Residential building bearing BDA Site No.2530, formed by the Bangalore Development Authority at Kumaraswamy Layout II Stage, Bangalore, presently bearing Municipal No. 2530, New PID No. 181-W0266-10 (Old PID No. 55-356-2530), situated at Kumaraswamy Layout, 2nd Stage, Bangalore, BBMP Ward No.55 of Padmanabhanagar, Bangalore, measuring East to West (12.20+17.30)/2 Meters and North to South 18.00 Meters, admeasuring 265.50 Sq. Mtrs. The **Boundaries of the Property: East by -** Property bearing No. 2529 **West by -** C.A. Area **North by -** Property bearing No. 2542 & 2541 **South by -** Road **Schedule – II : (Details of the Mortgaged Property) :** All that piece and parcel of Flat bearing No.202, situated at First Floor of the "V. S. VAISHANAVI HEAVENS" Apartment, situated at Kumaraswamy Layout, 2nd Stage, Bangalore, BBMP Ward No.55 of the Padmanabhanagar, Bangalore. Measuring 1425 Sq.Ft. of super built up area, consisting of Three Bedrooms, One Hall, Kitchen, together with one covered car parking space in stilt floor. The Flat bearing No.202 is owned by Mr. Kalairaj M. The **Boundaries of the Property: East by -** Common Passage **West by -** Set Back **North by -** Staircase & Flat No.201 **South by -** Set Back & Road **Schedule – III :** 285.6Sq.Ft. of undivided right, title and interest in the immovable property.	**BRANCH: ASSET RECOVERY BRANCH** A/C No: 842375110000240 for recovery of Rs. 59,34,777 (Rupees Fifty-Nine Lakhs Thirty-Four Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Seven) + interest @ 9.55 % p.a. compounded with monthly rests from 01-04-2021 with costs and other charges due to BANK OF INDIA, Asset Recovery Branch	**25-07-2024 & 11.00 AM to 05.00 PM**	**Reserve price: Rs.72,45,000/- EMD: Rs.7,24,500/-**	Physical	From 25-06-2024 to 23-07-2024 between 10.00 AM to 4.00 PM Contact: AO Mobile No: 9850477529
3.	**Mr. Gopinath E** S/o Kambarama, # 167, D Block, Champion reef, Kolar Gold Field, Bangarpet, Kolar – 563117	**All that piece and parcel of** the residential Flat bearing Flat No. TF-2, 3rdFloor, MSR Nigam Apartment, Site No.115, Old Khatha No.150, BBMP Khatha No. 597/4548/2516/115/150, PID No. 130-M0099-163, situated at Nagadevanahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore – 560056, with 1350 Sq.Ft. of super built up area, 300 Sq.Feet of undivided right, title and interest in land, together with one covered car parking, including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase. Owned by Mr. Gopinath E. **Boundaries: East by :** Road **West by :** Site no.116 **North by :** Site no.114 **South by :** Road	**BRANCH: ASSET RECOVERY BRANCH** A/C No: 849075110000239 for recovery of Rs.51,73,568.90 (Rupees Fifty One Lakhs Seventy Three Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Eight and Paise Nine Zero) + interest @ 8.50 % p.a., compounded with monthly rests from 13-11-2017 with costs and other charges due to BANK OF INDIA, Asset Recovery Branch	**25-07-2024 & 11.00 AM to 05.00 PM**	**Reserve price: Rs.25,52,000/- EMD: Rs.2,55,200/-**	Physical	From 25-06-2024 to 23-07-2024 between 10.00 AM to 4.00 PM Contact: AO Mobile No: 9850477529
4.	**Mr. Murali & Mrs. Chitradevi B Address 1:** No 7, 5th, Cross Road, Anepalya, Audugodi Post, Bangalore -560030 **Also available at** No: 20, Wesleyam Block, Coromandel Post, K.G.F -563118	**All that part and parcel of** the immovable property bearing Flat No. SF-2, 2nd Floor, MSR Nigam Apartment, Site No.115, Old Khata No.150, BBMP Khatha No.597/4548/2516/115/150, PID No. 130-M0099-163, situated at Nagadevanahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore 560056,with 1350 sq.ft. of super built up area, 300 Sq.Feet of undivided right, title and interest in land, together with one covered car parking, including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase. Owned by Mr. Murali. The **Boundaries of the Property: East by -** Road **West by -** Site No.116 **North by -** Site No.114 **South by -** Road	**BRANCH: ASSET RECOVERY BRANCH** A/C No: 849075110000238 for recovery of Rs. 54,45,881/- (Rupees Fifty-Four Lakhs Forty-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-One) + interest @ 8.50 % p.a. compounded with monthly rests with costs and other charges due to BANK OF INDIA, Asset Recovery Branch from Mr. Murali Borrower) and Mrs. B Chitradevi (Co-borrower).	**25-07-2024 & 11.00 AM to 05.00 PM**	**Reserve price: Rs.25,52,000/- EMD: Rs.2,55,200/-**	Physical	From 25-06-2024 to 23-07-2024 between 10.00 AM to 4.00 PM Contact: AO Mobile No: 9850477529

To the best knowledge and information available with the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on the property referred above. However, the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of the property and to inspect & satisfy them.The auction will be online E-Auction Sale/Bidding and shall be done only through "Online Electronic Bidding" process through the website https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in https://www.bankofindia.co.in/tenders. Date & Time of E-auction: 25-07-2024 and 11.00 AM & 5.00 PM (with unlimited extension of 10 minutes if bidding continues till sale is concluded).

Date : 21.06.2024 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bangalore **Bank of India**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 3D(1) and (2) of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) and the Amendment Act, 1997, the Government of India vide its Gazette Notification No.S.O.2333 (E) dated the 14th June 2024 published the following notification the lands are covered by National Highway No. 73 km. 75.00 to

Km. 86.200 (Charmadi Ghat) (Mangalore Mudigere- Tumkur Section) required for land acquisition for building (widening/two lane with paved shoulder/four laning etc.,), maintenance, management and operation of NH -73 in Dakshina Kannada district of Karnataka state. Therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-sections (1) (2) (3) and (4) of section 3(G) of the Highways Act and the amendment of 1997, it is hereby notified to the landlords mentioned in the schedule and to the persons having interest in the said lands that as the lands mentioned in the schedule have been confiscated by the Central Government for the above purpose, the relevant official documents for deciding and paying the compensation for the said lands, i.e. (1) original deed of the land (2) copy of the order in case of land conversion, (3) purchase/sale/other documents (4) present R.T. C (5) Copy of mutation and receipt of payment of revenue and compensation claimed (with suitable justification) at the time and date mentioned in this notice either by you or through your authorized representative or their advocates, before the Special Land Acquisition Officer and Competent Officer, National Highway – 73 & 275, First Floor, Vithal Arcade Building, Near Kottara Chowki, Derebail Village, Ashokanagar Post Office, Mangalore -575006. A personal request should be presented before him along with the application.

SL NO.	NAME OF THE DISTRICT	NAME OF THE TALUK	NAME OF THE VILLAGE	DATE TIME
1	DAKSHINA KANNADA	BELTHANGADI	CHARMADI	11-07-2024 (11-00AM)

Sd/-
Manikya N. (KAS)
Special Land Acquisition Officer
and Competent Authority
Indian National Highways 73 and 275
Kottara Chowki Mangalore

MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
NOTIFICATION
New Delhi, the 14th June, 2024

S.O. 2333(E).- Whereas by the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, **38(E) Dated: 02/01/2024,** published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3,

Sub- section (ii) issued under sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highway Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government declared its intention to acquire the land specified in the Schedule annexed to the said notification for building (widening/two lane with paved shoulder/four laning etc.,), maintenance, management and operation of NH73 in the stretch of land from Km. 75.00 to Km. 86.200 (Mangalore Mudigere- Tumkur Section) in the district of DAKSHINA KANNADA in the state of KARNATAKA

And whereas the substance of the said notification has been published in **"Vijayavani"** and **"Indian Express"** both dated **27.01.2024;** under sub-section (3) of section 3A of the said Act;

And whereas the Competent Authority has received objections filed under Section 3-C, considered and settled the same appropriately;

And whereas, in pursuance of sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the competent authority has submitted its report to the Central Government;

Now, therefore, upon receipt of the said report of the competent authority and in exercise of the powers conferred by the sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that the land specified in the said Schedule should be acquired for the aforesaid purpose;

And further, in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that on publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, the land specified in the said Schedule shall vest absolutely in the Central Government, free from all encumbrances.

SCHEDULE

Brief Description of the land to be acquired with or without structures falling within the stretch of land from Km.75.00 to Km.86.200 (Mangalore-Mudigere-Tumkur Section) of NH 73 in the state of KARNATAKA

State: KARNATAKA				District:DAKSHINA KANNADA	
Sl. No.	Survey/ Plot Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area (in Hectares)	Name of Land Owner/ Interested Person
1	2	3	4	5	6
Taluk: Belthangadi					
Village: Charamadi					
1	148	Private	Wet	0.0060705	Government
2	149	Private	Wet	0.064752	(1) Sathisha P. S/o. Late P. Sadashiva Bhat Sy.No.149/1A1 0.06Cents, (Dry) (2) Sathisha P. S/o. Late P. Sadashiva Bhat Sy.No.149/1A2-0.04.75 Cents, (Dry) (3) Harish Shetty S/o. Muthanna Shetty S.No.149/1B 0.02.75 Cents, (Dry) (4) Sathish P. S/o. Late. P. sadashiva Bhat Sy. No. 149/1C 0.01.50 Cents (Dry) (5) Ramananda Sagar L.N. S/o.Narayana Swamy L. N. Sy. No.149/3C 1 0.00.50 Cents (Wet) (6) Ashalatha Amritha Prabhu D/o. Late Chandrayini Amritha Prabhu Sy.No.149/3C2 - 0.00.50 (Wet/NAK)
3	41	Private	Wet	0.0435053	(1) Government Sy.No.41/1- 0.04.25 Cents (Dry) (2) Government Sy.No. 41/3 - 0.06 Cents (Dry)
4	42	Private	Wet	0.0141645	Government Sy.No. 42/2A1 - 0.03.50
5	43	Private	Wet	0.0384465	(1) Janaki W/o. Late P.V. Dasan & Others Sy.No.43/1 - 0.01 Cents (Dry) (2) Kausalya & Others Sy.No. 43/2 0.01 Cents (Dry) (3) Kamalaksha Nayak S/o.Babanna Nayak Sy.No. 43/3 -0.05 Cents (Dry) (4) K. Jayaprakash Bhat S/o. K. Mahalinga Bhat Sy.No.43/4-0.01.25 Cents (Dry) (5) Bhavani D/o. Sukumaran Sy. No. 43/5 - 0.01.25 Cents (Dry)
6	56	Private	Wet	0.0637402	(1) Padmanabha Poojary s/o. Kariya Poojary, H.Madhukara Rao S/o.H. Chandrashekara Rao Sy.No.56/1-0.05.50 Cents, (Garden) (2) Vittala Shasthri and others Sy.No.56/2A-0.02.25 Cents (Dry) (3) C.C.Kannappa S/o.Chennappa Sy.No.56/2B-0.01.50 Cents, (Dry) (4) K Narayan Gowda S/o. Shivappa Gowda Sy. No.56/3 - 0.03 Cents (Dry) (5) Sujitha D/o. Sudhakaran Sy.No. 56/18-0.03.50 Cents, (Dry)
7	57	Private	Wet	0.0033246	Government/Road 57
			Total	0.2340036	

[F.No.RW/NH/73/Km75.00-86.20/KNT/3D]
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SOUTHERN RAILWAY

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

CORRIGENDUM / ADDENDUM TO AUCTION PROGRAMME JUNE'24

NOTICE NO: 06/2024

e-Auction will be conducted for disposal of Ferrous scrap, Non-Ferrous scrap, other Misc scrap, condemned Wagon, Coaches & Locos, Scrap Rails and other Permanent Way scrap material.

e-auction conducted by	Existing Auction date which is cancelled	Rescheduled Auction date for 26/06/2024	Material for auction
GSD/PER	26/06/2024	27/06/2024	The details of items to be sold in e-auction will be available in catalogue **www.ireps.gov.in** website

e-auction conducted by	Additional Auction for GSD/ PER during JUNE'24	Material for auction
GSD/PER	29/06/2024	The details of items to be sold in e-auction will be available in catalogue **www.ireps.gov.in** website

Note: All other auctions scheduled for JUNE'24 remains unaltered

For detailed terms and conditions and downloading of catalogue please visit our website http://www.ireps.gov.in ->E-Auction->Sale->Live Auctions.

Principal Chief Materials Manager

PUBLIC AUCTION NOTICE

That pursuant of the order passed by the Hon'ble City Civil Judge, Bengaluru (CCH-19) in Execution Petition No. 774/2021, the property more fully described in the schedule hereunder will be sold in public auction **on 24.07.2024 between 11.00 A.M. to 4 P.M.** and any person or institutions interested to participate in the auction may participate in public auction subject to the following terms and conditions :

1. The following schedule property will be auctioned at schedule premises between 11.00 AM to 1 PM.
2. The particulars mentioned in the Schedule property is the best of the information to the court as furnished by the parties.
3. The off-set price of schedule property for auction sale shall be Rs.14,00,00,000/- (Rupees Fourteen Crore only)
4. Intended participants, before participating in the auction, shall deposit 25% (Rs. 3,50,00,000/- (Three Crore Fifty lakhs only) of off-set price of schedule property before Hon'ble Court (In the name of Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore).
5. The amount by which the biddings are to be determined by the Court Commissioner conducting the sale or in the event of any dispute arising as to the amount of bid, Court commissioner decision is final subject approval by the Hon'ble Court.
6. The auction purchasers shall produce authenticated identification card including PAN Card and Receipt (for having deposited the 25% of off-set price amount before Court) before the commencement of the auction sale to the Court Commissioner.
7. The successful bidder, after the acceptance of the highest bid, within 2 days (48 hours) from completion of auction sale, shall pay/deposit 25% of bid amount to the Court or furnish the D.D Drawn in favour of Registrar, City Civil Court, (including 25% earnest money deposit which was made before auction to participate in biding).
8. The successful bidder shall deposit the balance amount of the highest bid amount before the Court within 15 days from the date of the conclusion of the auction sale.
9. In case the highest bidder fails to deposit the auction sale amount as per the condition referred in clause (7) and (8) above he/she shall be liable to pay damages fixed at 10% of the highest bid amount, apart from forfeiting the 25% depositing amount.
10. If the highest bidder fails to deposit the amount then the property shall be re-sold after the issue of a fresh notification of sale.
11. As per the order of the court if the co-share/s together of alone wants participate in the auction sale shall comply the clause 4th condition after adjusting their share value and all other conditions prescribed herein also applicable.
12. The sale is subjected to confirmation by the Hon'ble Court.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the commercial property bearing (i) Municipal old Nos. 115, 115/2 & 1115/4, New Nos. 105/108, 1106 & 107 (PID Nos. 30-28-105/108, 30-28-106 & 30-28-107 respectively) and Municipal old No.3/1, New No. 13 (PID No. 30-08-13), in all measuring East to West on northern side 43.5' + 41' on Southern side 84.5' and North to South on Eastern side 123.5' on the Western side 84.5' totally measuring 8836.75 Sq.Ft, with situated at Police Road, Bangalore, having a built-up area about 19,800/- Sq.Ft. and bounded on:

East By : Property belongs to Venkatappa and others, **West By :** Bhagavantha Rao's house and property belongs to late Gundappa, **North By :** Police Road, **South By :** Venkatachala Lane.

By order of the Court
SANTHOSH KUMAR .H
Advocate & Court appointed Commissioner,
No.14, Navasanidi Apartment, Vinayaka Layout, Near Anjaneya Temple,
Hormavu, Bangalore-560 043. Mob : 7204788821

RAIL COACH FACTORY, KAPURTHALA

On-line bids are invited by PCMM, RCF on behalf of President of India for following items:-

Sr. No.	Tender No. & Due Date	Description	Qty. (NOS./ Sets)	EMD (₹)
1.	12241241 17/07/2024	Set of Seats for 3 - Phase MEMU/DMC AND MEMU/TC Coaches (2 types)	1) 42 Sets 2) 339 Sets	20,00,000/-
2.	17241309 19/08/2024	Set of Skirtings for LHB Coaches	1141 Sets	59,640/-
3.	12241245 16/07/2024	Honeycomb Partition Frame Set with AL FR HPL Sheet for LHB SCN Coach	204 Sets	9,09,840/-
4.	17241266 30/07/2024	Set of AL Floor Plate for LHB High Capacity Parcel Van	79.00 Set	6,84,030/-
5.	17241299 19/07/2024	Set of Euro Bowl and Electropneumatic Pressurised Flushing System for LHB Coaches	2497 Sets	20,00,000/-
		Set of Lavatory Pan and Electropneumatic Pressurised Flushing System for LHB Coaches	3157 Sets	
6.	17241332 16/07/2024	Supply, Installation & Commissioning of One Rake Set of Single Leaf Automatic Sliding Main Entrance Plug Door Along with Required controls for Vande Bharat Rake	16 Sets	50,00,000/-
7.	17241346 22/07/2024	Supply & Installation of One Rake Set of Layout of IC Doors for Trainset Coaches	16 Sets	13,98,040/-
8.	12241228 22/07/2024	Supply and Installation of Flexible gangway with foot plate alongwith inner and outer Fairings for EMU Train Set (To be operated at 160 kmph/180 kmph test speed).	304 Nos.	50,00,000/-
9.	17241142 29/07/2024	Luggage Rack Mounting for LHB SLR Coach	32 Sets	76,280/-
10.	17241111 01/08/2024	Air Grill Toilet/Swich Board Complete	3041 Nos	63,230/-
11.	05241477 18/07/2024	Set of Channel Assly. & Bracket	185 Sets	50,890/-
12.	05241556 25/07/2024	Foot step Brackets	128 Nos	90,590/-
13.	05241494 18/07/2024	Set of Protection Frame and Bracket	89 Sets	79,560/-
14	02241383 16/07/2024	Harness of LHB EOG NON AC Chair Car	86 Sets	8,61,850/-
15	05241176 15/07/2024	Nose Cone for Memu DMC 3 - Phase Coaches	73 Sets	10,91,260/-
16	05241537 18/07/2024	End Wall Assembly for LHB Amrit Bharat Coaches	880 Sets	15,84,230/-
17	04231123B 16/07/2024	Ferritic Steel Sheet two types	5000 Kgs + 9500Kgs	53,030/-
18	02241379 10/07/2024	EFT, Board	10980 Nos	98,180/-
19	05241554 16/07/2024	Integrated WTCC	880 Sets	10,71,840/-

1. For details and making On-line tenders, visit Website http://ireps.gov.in. Drawings / specifications, wherever required can be downloaded from RCF website http://www.rcf.indianrailways.gov.in.Class IIIb digital signature certificate required for on-line biddings, can be obtained from licensed certifying agencies listed at http://www.cce.gov.in. 2. Tenders will close at 14.25 Hrs. on due date and will be opened at 14.30 Hrs. Tenders Sr. No. 1 to 10 will be opened at RCF Kapurthala and Sr. No. 11 to 19 will be opened at Tilak Bridge, New Delhi. 3. For queries, contact IREPS heldesk at 011-24102855, 011-24105180 or RCF helpdesk at 011-23378658.

Note: GST Number of RCF is 03AAAGM0289C1ZT. All the suppliers are advised to quote this in dispatch documents for the supplies made by them.

CORRIGENDUM

The following amendment is authorized against **1)Tender No. 12241192** due on 05/07/2024 be read as for procurement of Inter-coach Gangway Without Flexible Interior System Furnishing (including Vestibule Foot Plate) For LHB Coaches Instead Of Inter-coach Gangway With Flexible Interior System Furnishing (including Vestibule Foot Plate) For LHB Coaches. **(2) Tender No. 17241148** for procurement of interior stickers GS, AC3T & SCN Coaches due date to be read as 25/06/2024 instead of 18/06/2024 (3) **Tender No.12241212** due on 08/07/2024 for procurement of WATER TANK (30 LT) MOUNTING Quantity against PL: 33612742= 2036 Nos to be read as 3067 Nos. and EMD of ₹3,51,820.00/- to be read as ₹5,30,000.00/ - **4) Tender No. 04241037** due date on 28.06.24 for procurement of 110V,120AH, VRLA Battery Set For quantity of 67 set to be read as 109 set and EMD amount of Rs. 2,44,830.00 to be read as Rs. 3,98,310.00. **5) Tender No. 05241261** due on 25/06/2024 for AAR "H" Type Tight Lock CBC Coupler Quantity 188 set to be read as 270 Sets. and EMD of ₹1059450/- to be read as ₹1521600/ - **6) Tender No. 01241075** for Fully Assembled improved bogies compatible with IR-LHB Coached (+1 items) due date is 27/06/2024 instead of 18/06/2024. **7) Tender No. 02241343** for Multi Core Cable 3x1.0 SQMM due date is 19.06.2024 instead of 12.06.2024 **8) Tender No. 04241022** For Ferritic steel coil & sheet Due date to be read as 08.07.2024 instead of 25.06.2024 and Quantity a) 487227KGS b) 53370 KGS c) 183709 KGS d) 287616 KGS e) 264178 KGS f) 639461 KGS to be read as a) 590720 KGS b) 110222 KGS c) 255633 KGS d) 349780 KGS e) 348312 KGS f) 741638 KGS. **9) Tender No. 04241029** For Steel Sheet Due date to be read as 08.07.2024 instead of 25.06.2024 and Quantity a) 22158 KGS b) 36168 KGS c) 551811 KGS d) 554297 KGS e) 60522 KGS to be read as a) 23938 KGS b) 42538 KGS c) 635365 KGS d) 672783 KGS e) 66346 KGS.

T. No.: 34-S/2024-25 **Dated: 22.06.2024**

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MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 14th June, 2024

S.O. 2308(E).—In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highways Act,1956 (48 of 1956) the Central Government, after being satisfied that for the public purpose, the land, the brief description of which is given in the Schedule below, is required for building(widening/four laning etc..), maintenance, management and operation of National Highway 766C in the stretch of land from Km 146.00 to Km 154.00 (Baindoor - Ranebennur section) in the district of SHIVAMOGGA in the state of KARNATAKA, hereby declares its intention to acquire such land.

Any person interested in the said land may, within twenty-one days from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, object to the use of such land for the aforesaid purpose under sub-section(1) of section 3C of the said Act.

Every such objection shall be made to the Competent Authority, namely, Special Land Acquisition Officer and Assistant Commissioner Sagar Sub Division Sagar in writing and shall set out the grounds thereof and the Competent Authority shall give the objector an opportunity of being heard, either in person or by a legal practitioner, and may, after hearing all such objections and after making such further enquiry, if any, as the Competent Authority thinks necessary, by order, either allow or disallow the objections.

Any order made by the Competent Authority under sub-section (2) of section 3C of the said Act shall be final.

The land plans and other details of the land to be acquired under their notification are available and can be inspected by the interested person at the aforesaid office of the Competent Authority.

SCHEDULE : Brief Description of the land to be acquired with or without structures falling within the stretch of land from Km 146.00 to Km 154.00 (Baindoor - Ranebennur section) of National Highway 766C in the state of KARNATAKA

State: KARNATAKA			District: SHIVAMOGGA		
S.No.	Survey / Plot Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area (in Local Unit)	Area (in Hectares)
1	2	3	4	5	6
Taluk: Shikaripura					
Village: Sadashivapura					
1	1/1	Private	Wet	1562.373 (Square Meter)	0.156237
2	1/2	Private	Wet	927.617 (Square Meter)	0.0927617
3	54	Private	Wet	127.999 (Square Meter)	0.0127999
4	57	Private	Wet	3079.654 (Square Meter)	0.307965
5	58/1	Private	Wet	214.386 (Square Meter)	0.0214386
6	58/2	Private	Wet	2656.775 (Square Meter)	0.265678
7	58/3	Private	Wet	2051.228 (Square Meter)	0.205123
8	60/1	Private	Wet	115.771 (Square Meter)	0.0115771
9	60/2	Private	Wet	1946.188 (Square Meter)	0.194619
10	60/3	Private	Wet	3654.171 (Square Meter)	0.365417
Village: Channahalli					
11	113/1	Private	Wet	1132 (Square Meter)	0.1132
12	113/2	Private	Wet	531.313 (Square Meter)	0.0531313
13	117/2	Private	Wet	1024.116 (Square Meter)	0.102412
14	117/3	Private	Wet	1266.437 (Square Meter)	0.126644
15	117/4	Private	Wet	818.127 (Square Meter)	0.0818127
16	117/7	Private	Wet	2613.282 (Square Meter)	0.261328
17	126/1	Private	Wet	1807.076 (Square Meter)	0.180708
18	126/2	Private	Wet	1258.54 (Square Meter)	0.125854
19	126/5	Private	Wet	1000.142 (Square Meter)	0.100014
20	127/1	Private	Wet	2043.148 (Square Meter)	0.204315
21	127/2	Private	Wet	1753.209 (Square Meter)	0.175321
22	130/1B	Private	Wet	1646.353 (Square Meter)	0.164635
23	130/2	Private	Wet	1344.28 (Square Meter)	0.134428
24	131/2	Private	Wet	1185.923 (Square Meter)	0.118592
25	131/4	Private	Wet	1460.363 (Square Meter)	0.146036
26	133/1	Private	Wet	1302.031 (Square Meter)	0.130203
27	133/2	Private	Wet	1323.837 (Square Meter)	0.132384
28	134/2	Private	Wet	1633.776 (Square Meter)	0.163378
29	134/3	Private	Wet	2205.657 (Square Meter)	0.220566
30	135/1	Private	Wet	487.245 (Square Meter)	0.0487245
31	135/2	Private	Wet	585.956 (Square Meter)	0.0585956
32	135/3	Private	Wet	1517.961 (Square Meter)	0.151796
33	136	Private	Wet	2774.845 (Square Meter)	0.277484
34	137/1	Private	Wet	1425.782 (Square Meter)	0.142578
35	137/2	Private	Wet	626.078 (Square Meter)	0.0626078
36	137/3	Private	Wet	562.307 (Square Meter)	0.0562307
Village: Nelavagilu					
37	66/	Private	Wet	3077.845 (Square Meter)	0.307784
38	68/2	Private	Wet	1842.262 (Square Meter)	0.184226
39	68/4	Private	Wet	847.502 (Square Meter)	0.0847502
40	68/5	Private	Wet	2990.278 (Square Meter)	0.299028
41	69	Private	Wet	3462.275 (Square Meter)	0.346228
Village: Haliyuru					
42	50	Private	Wet	935.836 (Square Meter)	0.0935836
43	51	Private	Wet	910.543 (Square Meter)	0.0910543
44	52	Private	Wet	1062.299 (Square Meter)	0.10623
45	53	Private	Wet	1138.178 (Square Meter)	0.113818
46	54	Private	Wet	935.836 (Square Meter)	0.0935836
47	55/1	Private	Wet	885.25 (Square Meter)	0.088525
48	55/2	Private	Wet	1719.914 (Square Meter)	0.171991
49	56	Private	Wet	1694.621 (Square Meter)	0.169462
50	57/2	Private	Wet	3136.314 (Square Meter)	0.313631
51	58/1	Private	Wet	708.2 (Square Meter)	0.07082
52	58/2	Private	Wet	910.543 (Square Meter)	0.0910543
53	59/1	Private	Wet	607.028 (Square Meter)	0.0607028
54	60/1	Private	Wet	1087.593 (Square Meter)	0.108759
55	60/2	Private	Wet	1087.953 (Square Meter)	0.108795
56	61/1	Private	Wet	1694.621 (Square Meter)	0.169462
57	61/2	Private	Wet	1745.207 (Square Meter)	0.174521
58	62	Private	Wet	1264.682 (Square Meter)	0.126468
59	63/1	Private	Wet	3159.622 (Square Meter)	0.315962
60	65/1	Private	Wet	325.231 (Square Meter)	0.0325231
61	65/2	Private	Wet	489.369 (Square Meter)	0.0489369
62	66/3	Private	Wet	390.597 (Square Meter)	0.0390597
63	66/4	Private	Wet	594.378 (Square Meter)	0.0594378
64	66/7	Private	Wet	244.234 (Square Meter)	0.0244234
65	66/8	Private	Wet	166.326 (Square Meter)	0.0166326
66	66/9	Private	Wet	385.513 (Square Meter)	0.0385513
67	67	Private	Wet	1621.001 (Square Meter)	0.1621
68	68/1	Private	Wet	1088.729 (Square Meter)	0.108873
69	68/2	Private	Wet	11435.735 (Square Meter)	1.14357
70	69/3	Private	Wet	109.003 (Square Meter)	0.0109003
71	69/4	Private	Wet	2228.364 (Square Meter)	0.222836
72	70/2	Private	Wet	768.632 (Square Meter)	0.0768632
73	71	Private	Wet	1046.591 (Square Meter)	0.104659
74	72/1	Private	Wet	78.83 (Square Meter)	0.007883
75	72/13	Private	Wet	561.646 (Square Meter)	0.0561646
76	72/14	Private	Wet	919.531 (Square Meter)	0.0919531
77	72/3	Private	Wet	210 (Square Meter)	0.021
78	73/1	Private	Wet	6906.63 (Square Meter)	0.690663
79	73/2	Private	Wet	3958.032 (Square Meter)	0.395803
80	74/5	Private	Wet	516.563 (Square Meter)	0.0516563
81	75/3	Private	Wet	222.598 (Square Meter)	0.0222598
Village: Gabburu					
82	110/2	Private	Wet	2450.977 (Square Meter)	0.245098
83	110/4	Private	Wet	614.385 (Square Meter)	0.0614385
84	110/5	Private	Wet	1396.429 (Square Meter)	0.139643
85	114	Private	Wet	133.077 (Square Meter)	0.0133077
86	115	Private	Wet	232.255 (Square Meter)	0.0232255
87	116/1	Private	Wet	6930.145 (Square Meter)	0.693015
88	116/2	Private	Wet	3060.39 (Square Meter)	0.306039
89	116/3	Private	Wet	607.02 (Square Meter)	0.060702
90	116/4	Private	Wet	800 (Square Meter)	0.08
91	58	Private	Wet	64124.919 (Square Meter)	6.41249
92	59/	Private	Wet	600.301 (Square Meter)	0.0600301
93	60	Private	Wet	13766.246 (Square Meter)	1.37662
94	61	Private	Wet	6687.894 (Square Meter)	0.668789
95	62/3	Private	Wet	3042.125 (Square Meter)	0.304213
96	62/4	Private	Wet	4017.697 (Square Meter)	0.40177
97	63/1a	Private	Wet	324.926 (Square Meter)	0.0324926
98	63/2b	Private	Wet	5934.599 (Square Meter)	0.59346
99	64/1	Private	Wet	752.036 (Square Meter)	0.0752036
100	64/2	Private	Wet	1773.735 (Square Meter)	0.177373
101	66/2	Private	Wet	3692.906 (Square Meter)	0.369291
102	66/3	Private	Wet	3967.301 (Square Meter)	0.39673
103	66/5	Private	Wet	211.944 (Square Meter)	0.0211944
104	72/1	Private	Wet	761.741 (Square Meter)	0.0761741
105	72/2	Private	Wet	4046.448 (Square Meter)	0.404645
106	72/3	Private	Wet	2219.819 (Square Meter)	0.221982
107	72/4	Private	Wet	1889.98 (Square Meter)	0.188998
108	72/5	Private	Wet	2606.701 (Square Meter)	0.26067
109	73/1	Private	Wet	34.137 (Square Meter)	0.0034137
110	78/1a	Private	Wet	2630.253 (Square Meter)	0.263025
111	78/2	Private	Wet	1137.391 (Square Meter)	0.113739
112	78/4	Private	Wet	1269.886 (Square Meter)	0.126989
113	79/1	Private	Wet	560.632 (Square Meter)	0.0560632
114	79/2	Private	Wet	3833.465 (Square Meter)	0.383347
115	80/1	Private	Wet	3452.388 (Square Meter)	0.345239
116	80/2	Private	Wet	236.909 (Square Meter)	0.0236909
117	82	Private	Wet	73.554 (Square Meter)	0.0073554
118	84	Private	Wet	2539.047 (Square Meter)	0.253905
119	85	Private	Wet	1548.45 (Square Meter)	0.154845
120	88/1	Private	Wet	300.316 (Square Meter)	0.0300316
121	91/2	Private	Wet	4203.464 (Square Meter)	0.420346
122	92	Private	Wet	2273.637 (Square Meter)	0.227364
123	92/3	Private	Wet	1832.178 (Square Meter)	0.183218
124	93/2	Government	Dry	126.46 (Square Meter)	0.012646
125	94/1	Private	Wet	903.41 (Square Meter)	0.090341
126	94/2b	Private	Wet	1262.244 (Square Meter)	0.126224
127	95	Private	Wet	910.47 (Square Meter)	0.091047
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"When the camera starts to roll, there is something of death about it

Donald Sutherland

OPPN MUST OFFER COMPETING VISION IN SHADOW BUDGET

THE THIRD EYE

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THE history of budgets is a travelogue of colourful evolution. Lore has it that travelling troubadours in medieval France would assign the management of their funds kept in a bougette, a phonetic avatar of budget, to a custodian who was known as the budgeter.

The term budget acquired its halo and stature from its usage in Britain. Till the 1400s, the British parliament was more akin to a petitioning body, with parliament agreeing to the crown's spending plan in return for resolution of grievances. By the 18th century, the quest of the budget presented by the chancellor was to restrain spending and constrain the king's power to tax and evolved to fulfil the ideal of 'Taxation by consent, legislation by statute, county and borough representation', and the quest for a new social contract.

In more modern times, the robust competition in UK's democracy led to the design of shadow cabinets and shadow budgets, allowing the entities to pitch competing visions and plans to the people. Indeed, the dominating narrative in the ongoing elections, besides the betting and other scandals, is the contest of ideas between the Tories and the Labour parties on how to propel the UK economy. The idea of alternative budgets is not limited to the UK and is prevalent in other countries too—for instance, in Australia, Finland and South Africa. The institutional induction of competing visions and comparative analysis of budgets merits attention.

In a month's time, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will unveil the Budget for 2024-25. The exercise comes in the wake of intensely fought elections which saw the two alliances pitching their visions for India's economy—on the burning issues of unemployment, agricultural distress, inflation, healthcare and education—through their manifestos and electoral rhetoric. The Congress in its manifesto, the Nyay Patra, presented one set of ideas. The competing vision of the BJP, Modi ki guarantee, will find articulation in the budget.

Typically, the debate which follows any budget is a surround sound contest of claims and counterclaims. What ensues is a harp orchestra of who did or did not do what. The babel of decibels scarcely makes for an informed debate on the challenges and opportunities for redress through allocations in the financial statement. What stops the Congress or any of the parties in the opposition from presenting a competing version of the Budget? This idea has been articulated earlier in this column.

The opposition has, in previous years, argued that the government has an advantage, as it has access to the necessary information and they do not. The fact is the data for the exercise is available in the public domain. The Interim Budget of February 2024 contains the basic macro data. Also available is an update of the data on moolah and forecasts—of improved direct tax collections, better GST realisations, the transfer of surplus from the Reserve Bank of India, the forecasts of growth and inflation from the Monetary Policy Committee's statement. The exercise could precede the presentation of the Budget, or could follow the day after.

The crafting of the budget is both a science and an art of meshing political and economic imperatives. It would be useful for the people of the country to compare the focus and the approach of the two formations on how to frame the development agenda. The election campaign highlighted the rising concern on issues of inflation, agri-distress and unemployment and the angst of perceived neglect among the middle class.

The Congress has an opportunity to demonstrate how it would place its ideas—for instance, the programme of apprenticeship and payment of ₹1 lakh per year, the Mahalakshmi scheme of unconditional cash transfer of ₹1 lakh to every poor family—and spur the economy. The Congress could also outline a funding plan for the expansion of health and other initiatives, plus a legislative agenda to support growth. Indeed, the occasion affords the opposition alliance to illustrate how the resources—for instance, the increased revenues and the surplus from the RBI—can and should be deployed for better outcomes. The alliance could assemble a cast of knowledgeable folks—finance ministers, economists—and form an economic advisory council for the task. The parties could collaborate to present the basic template—a la Budget at a Glance—of purpose with inflows and outflows.

Alternative visions need not be limited to the political domain. The exercise could also be undertaken by think tanks and chambers of industry funded by corporates. The chambers' wish list includes a hike in capital expenditure by 25 percent, expansion of production-linked incentive schemes, provision of income tax relief to low- and middle-income families, increased investment in health and education, support of smaller enterprises, status quo on current corporate tax rates even as it maintained emphasis on fiscal consolidation. It would be instructive for the corporates and chambers to seek the services of experts on their rolls to pour their ideas onto a balance sheet and present it. For starters, it would inject some realism in the scripting of wish lists.

India is at an inflection point. Politics cannot be a harp orchestra on loop, stranded between what is and what can be. The rules-based world order is unravelling. A confluence of disruptions—climate, technology, geopolitics—is rendering the familiar uncertain. The political economy of a billion aspirations deserves a plurality of competing ideas from stakeholders on issues of lives and livelihoods.

VAISHNAW A MINISTER FOR ALL SEASONS & REASONS

POWER & POLITICS

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AS every Indian political traveller knows, the bullet train of success whizzes through the hallowed terminals of Harvard and Wharton. The whiz kid of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw's transition from titled technocrat to multi-tiered mantri could be a case study for Ivy League business schools. The 54-year-old bureaucrat-turned-politician's mastery over political and administrative management has seen him retained as the 39th railway minister, 35th information and broadcasting minister since independence, and the second minister of electronics and IT since 2016. He is a two-term Rajya Sabha member from Odisha representing the BJP since 2019. His transformation from a bureaucrat in a suit and a tie to a politician in a white cotton pyjama and a light-coloured kurta is a saga of enviable success in contemporary politics.

Delhi durbaris found their chins hitting the floor earlier this month when Modi made him railway and IT minister once again, because, except for the last decade of BJP dominance, the post of railway minister has mostly belonged to an ally in an NDA government since 1996. But Modi knows the importance of Vaishnaw. He is playing tenor to Environment Minister Bhupinder Yadav's bass, in charge of the Maharashtra assembly election orchestra.

Vaishnaw is a paradox in popular politics since he is the only BJP Upper House MP who has been elected twice not by his party but by the munificence of Naveen Patnaik of the BJD, which it recently trounced. He has the distinction of being the first newly-distilled politician who entered the Rajya Sabha after Modi and Amit Shah spoke to Patnaik on his behalf, first in June 2019 and then in 2024. Vaishnaw had worked in the state for less than a decade as an IAS officer, and his data collection role for the 1999 super cyclone was more than a storm in a teacup. From 2003, he worked with Atal Bihari Vajpayee both in the PMO and after the former PM's retirement. Modi sees the ministries of railway and IT as his best engines for Destination Viksit Bharat. And a media-shy Vaishnaw as information minister shall also faithfully disseminate an undiluted Modi Message to the mass media in India and abroad. Vajpayee's former infra expert has launched over 80 freshly-gleaming Vande Bharat trains covering more than 250 districts that had already ferried more than 2.15 crore passengers till March.

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Vaishnaw has successfully applied his business model to varnish the railways' moribund image. Over 100 stations have been redeveloped, and given modern facilities such as fully-furnished guest rooms. On Vaishnaw's drawing board is the modernisation of about 1,300 railway stations out of the total of almost 7,400. Just a month before the elections were announced, Modi laid the foundation stone for the redevelopment of 553 railway stations on February 26.

Nevertheless, the rejuvenated opposition has charged the minister of ignoring passenger safety and organisational infirmities. Out of all the vacancies in railway jobs till March, over 1.7 lakh were safety-related. The number of rail accidents plummeted sharply during the past decade, but perversely, the fatalities rose just as sharply. India's worst ever triple train accident happened last year in Balasore, Odisha, killing 291 people. It's a bizarre coincidence that Vaishnaw was once a collector at Balasore, too.

However, Vaishnaw's mission is to fulfil Modi's numerous ambitions, including the yet-to-be-completed Mumbai-Ahmedabad bullet train project. The ever-innovative PM feels that Indian Railways' 23-million-plus daily passengers are a massive permanent vote bank in itself. Also, since the maximum use of technology for efficient governance is a favourite maxim of Modi's, Vaishnaw is the blue-eyed boy to pull off a super-efficient ecosystem with proper regulatory mechanism to manifest Digital India. Vaishnaw is an integral part of Modi's innovative governance model in which technocrats and professionals are playing an emphatic role in defining its contours and architecture. Induction of outsiders like Vaishnaw also signals the plummeting participation of politicians.

For his peer group, Vaishnaw is perhaps the perfect symbol of an ideal babu—an efficacious entrepreneur and an anodyne politician. The 1994-batch IAS officer's administrative acumen was first apparent when he handled the 1999 cyclone efficiently and restored normalcy in record time. It was during that time he came in touch with Ashok Saikia, a trusted joint secretary in Vajpayee's PMO. Saikia's task was disaster management. Impressed by Vaishnaw's rehabilitation plans, Saikia brought him to the PMO as a deputy secretary in 2003. When BJP lost power in 2004, Vajpayee kept him on as his private secretary till 2006. During this period, the inscrutable mandarin developed an equation with Modi. Subsequently, Vaishnaw went to Wharton in 2008 for an MBA.

Soon after his return from the US, he took voluntary retirement from IAS and parachuted into India's glittering corporate class, admittedly to repay his huge student loan. An engineer by education, an IITian by training and a management guru by practice, he surfed many turfs between 2010 and 2019. He worked for GE Transportation, and then as a head of the locomotives and urban infrastructure strategy department at Siemens. He earned managerial experience on the board of directors of Thriveni Earthmovers, one of India's largest mine developers. He turned entrepreneur in 2012 by founding a couple of companies of his own. Most of them deal with steel and pallets, and operate out of Odisha in partnership with a famous southern entrepreneur. He reportedly started his auto components business from Gujarat and bought a house in Ahmedabad in September 2018, barely eight months before he became a Rajya Sabha member. Asked why he chose Gujarat, the suave politicopreneur quipped, "I went to Gujarat and built my units while living in a container for 7 months, as I wanted that factory to come up in record time." His ministerial Lutyens' residence aside, Vaishnaw's real home is the container of Modinomics and Modipolitics.

The low-key Modi maven is known for talking less and working discreetly. Modi may consider Vaishnaw good at governance, but he is equally equipped to handle politics. Vaishnaw is one of the 25 BJP ministers in Modi's cabinet, and 20th in the pecking order. Yet, he is Modi's man of the moment to handle complicated political and financial issues.

Chosen by Amit Shah to handle the Madhya Pradesh state elections last year, Vaishnaw did not live in a container in Bhopal, although he did contain the Congress in the state. He lived in Bhopal for two months in a rented accommodation and managed BJP's complicated booth management strategy. He is ubiquitous at all the BJP strategy meetings. Most importantly, he was one of the top rainmakers of the BJP before the Lok Sabha elections. Though Vaishnaw is not a core member of the original Sangh parivar, he is at the core of Modi's political and administrative mega mission. In that matter alone, the multifaceted minister has a one-track mind with multitasking mastery.

THE TUSSLE WITH AI OVER LANGUAGE

OPINION

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EVERY once in a while, I have an argument standing at my doorstep. It's with a delivery agent who asks me for an OTP. The package has been ordered by a family member, who is not at home or is inaccessible at the moment. I point out to them that they are at my door, the address is right and the package is paid for. I am informed that without the OTP the delivery cannot be closed in their system. I offer to sign a paper, like we do for India Post deliveries. However, rules are rules and processes are processes, so they leave with the package, saying they will attempt to deliver the next day. Our tech-driven life sometimes leaves no room for common sense and practicality.

A majority of people are smitten by technology, especially that driven by artificial intelligence. It has indeed made many aspects of decision-making smoother and faster. Recently, the head of the tech giant Microsoft expressed a dislike for the term artificial intelligence. He is quoted as having said, "Because I have my intelligence. I don't need any artificial intelligence." He also said 'different intelligence' would be a better term. It is doubtful whether a change in nomenclature would change the game. Rather, there is a need to assert the stupendous dimensions of human intelligence.

The ability to use complex language is a distinct feature of the human species. Language is not merely a means of communication. It is a repository of knowledge, a tool of creativity and the medium of cultural and social bonding. It is unsurprising that AI machines are also being trained to acquire language skills. With the advent of large language models or LLMs, AI is able to generate content, which is proving helpful in analysis, writing project reports and even class assignments for students. While the ease of access to resources and speed are obvious advantages, there are serious concerns on the quality of learning and originality in thinking. There are also ethical questions of how much of the output is plagiarism. The flaws in the output are often bizarre. A recent campaign in the UK, 'I am not a typo', highlights the distortions of autocorrect for African, Asian and eastern European names. The predictive text becomes presumptive, altering the output as per its sweet will.

Many old-timers take pride in their writing skills in a second or third language. Schoolteachers of a bygone era drilled the rigours of grammar and syntax, spelling and punctuation with great thoroughness. Learning languages meant listening to stories, reciting poems and enacting plays. The culture and tradition relating to the language came alive in this pedagogy. However, the easily-available tech tools for grammar, syntax, spell checks, and translation across software platforms have rendered the need for knowing and learning even basic rules irrelevant. So technology often acts as a disincentive in language learning.

In the National Education Policy, emphasis is laid on multi-lingual flexibility. In reality, language subjects are low-priority for students, especially while preparing for competitive exams. An emphasis on science, technology, engineering and math in the curriculum enables a ticket to a professional course and future employment. The result is a gradual attrition in language skills.

Learning, speculation and dreams are embedded in language. It's also a primary resource for AI to stay relevant. Tech firms training their models on language content owe it to the community to support language learning

Language and literature are a substratum of human culture. The Indian Constitution recognises 22 major 'scheduled' languages. These are the major literary languages with a considerable volume of writing in them. Human learning, speculation and dreams are embedded in language. It cannot be merely evaluated for its utility in terms of job procurement.

Language is a primary resource that AI needs to stay relevant. It is trained on terabytes of data available by scraping the internet. However, language is more than a token or data. While AI churns out a sentence, it is matching patterns in the data. While this is creditable, it is not the same as human use of language with an understanding of the meaning. It is ironical that while we increasingly depend on AI models, AI models feed off human intellectual capital acquired over years. Therefore, tech companies training their LLMs on content, which is a product of human thought, owe it to the community to sponsor and fund core language learning, as they largely use this content without paying for it.

There is also concern among big AI players about a possible data crunch for training future models. The data available on the internet is finite. Once the models are trained on the available data, they need larger swathes. If future models are trained on AI-generated content or synthetic data, it will only dilute the quality of subsequent iterations. The human capacity to use language to store knowledge and push the boundaries of thought with the use of imagination is potentially limitless. Technology is a derivative of just one aspect of human knowledge. There is a need to reclaim that part of our lives to celebrate the epiphanies of art, music and literature.

(The author is not a technology expert. Views are personal)

QUOTE CORNER

I was not supposed to trust these people. They don't have time to run football and they don't know how to run. I'm sorry to say that. Having a president like that, whose most important thing is how many clicks he's got on his social media... instead of taking good care about his own institution.

Igor Stimac, former India football coach of Croatian origin, after being sacked by the All India Football Federation after five years in the job

Further escalation between Israel & Hezbollah will only guarantee more suffering & devastation to communities in Lebanon & Israel... It is time for reason & rationality.

António Guterres, UN secretary-general, on fresh conflagration between the neighbours

The four Hindujas knew the vulnerabilities of the staff and knew what the rules were in Switzerland, as they all were Swiss citizens.

Sabina Mascotto, Swiss judge, finding 4 members of the billionaire Hinduja family guilty of exploiting poorly paid servants at their Geneva villa; the Hindujas have filed an appeal

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Silent voter

Ref: *Eating my words on the future course of India* (Jun 22). The fact is that even the INDI Alliance may not have expected this outcome in states like Uttar Pradesh. The silence of voters before the elections may have been an indication. There will be no need to eat any words as long the innate wisdom of Indian voters is kept in mind.

P Krishna Rao, email

No guilt

Joseph Goebbels' theory that a lie repeated over a million times is taken as gospel truth by the people is proven correct once again. In the Indian context, myths about Modi's invincibility, popularity, vision and wisdom were repeated for so long that they not only convinced nearly 40 percent of the our voters, but also made Modi himself, his cabinet members, party men and staff to sincerely believe in them. So a word of wisdom from an 88-year-old to the author: don't feel guilty about what you too believed about the ruling party.

Rajan Ugra, Bengaluru

Tax focus

Ref: *Budget needs to look at direct tax code and rate respite* (Jun 22). The Modi government does not speak about how to make money available in the pockets of the middle class, but always talks about investment returns. There is no control on prices whatsoever, including for healthcare. The middle class that pays taxes honestly expects that the present coalition will at least raise the standard deduction limit and healthcare insurance, in addition to retaining all other genuine exemptions.

Katuru Durga Prasad Rao, Hyderabad

Strong deterrence

Methyl alcohol is never produced by the normal fermentation process for alcohol production. It is produced by a totally different method. So the presence of methyl alcohol in these cases is not accidental. This is detected only when a hooch tragedy occurs. And these culprits usually get less severe punishment which makes them and others repeat it for easy money. The government should make the law so stringent that these culprits never come out of jail.

V S Vincent, Chalakudy

Welfare balance

Ref: *Karnataka must balance welfare with growth* (Jun 22). It is difficult to agree that the financial burden of welfare schemes can be offset by monetising land and other natural resources. To forget that the latter, which is scarce, also belongs to the progeny is a crime. Secondly, so-called development using nature is fraught with ecological and economic consequences unless the benefits outweigh them. The country needs guidelines on doling out freebies for votes.

Geetha B K, Kannur

Double theft

Ref: *Teen's joy turns to sorrow as thieves steal minister-gifted bicycle again* (Jun 22). It is very unfortunate to note the ordeal meted out to Avanthika as her second bicycle gifted by the minister has been stolen too. It seems the thief is a resident of the area or an intruder who is aware of every nook and corner of the area. It should be looked into whether there was any laxity on the part of the police in probing the previous theft and whether the thief in the two cases is the same.

V K Kumar, Thiruvananthapuram

Yoga benefits

Ref: *World sees yoga as agent of good: PM* (Jun 22). We can do good deeds if only we maintain good health. Poor health is a torture not only to the individual but to others as well. Yoga practice enables the unity of mind and body, thought and action, restraint and fulfilment. It is not only an exercise, but a way to discover the sense of oneness with yourself and the world. By creating consciousness, it can help build good health of mind and body.

V Venkitasubramanian, Coimbatore

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Anurag Thakur @ianuragthakur
The goons nurtured by the Congress government are disturbing the peace of our beautiful hill state (Himachal) and creating an atmosphere of fear and terror here.

Jawhar Sircar @jawharsircar
The reality of India's unemployment hits home – only when 90,000 IT professionals lose their jobs and thousands of IIT-ians don't get job offers!

Akhilesh Yadav @yadavakhilesh
UP BJP should not take revenge of its defeat from the saints and sages of Ayodhya. Security of those who are truly gentlemen should be reviewed and provided security.

Indo-Bangla ties grow as two countries agree on new consulate, Teesta conservation, defence upgrade

India rolls out red carpet for Bangladesh

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

A NEW consulate in Bangladesh's Rangpur, modernisation of the country's armed forces, conservation of the Teesta and e-visas for medical patients — these are among the sops India has offered to Bangladesh on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's official visit to India.

"Glad to have welcomed PM Hasina to Delhi; over the year, we have met over ten times. But this visit is special because she is our first State guest after our government returned to power for the third term," said Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday.

"In line with the plans for modernisation of the Bangladesh armed forces, we will explore defence-industrial cooperation with Bangladesh to strengthen their capabilities. We will continue to work closely with Bangladesh for our multifaceted military engagements of exercises, training and capability development," said a joint statement.

Modi and Hasina reviewed cooperation on water resources, security and enhancing a strong framework on disaster management. "Over the last year, our nations have covered significant ground in sectors like infrastructure, connectivity, trade and energy," Modi said.

PM Hasina came to India at the invitation of PM Modi. This was her first official overseas State visit to any country after assuming power in January.

PM Narendra Modi with his Bangladesh counterpart Sheikh Hasina at Hyderabad House in New Delhi on Saturday | SHEKHAR YADAV

DELHI-DHAKA WARMTH

Futuristic vision: Both sides firm it up by facilitating transformative cooperation

10 agreements
In a range of critical areas of digital domain, maritime sphere, blue economy, railways, space, green tech, health & medicine

Teesta rejuvenation
India to send a team to Bangladesh for a project to conserve and manage the river

Trade pact
Two countries to move ahead with talks on a comprehensive level

New Delhi rolled out a red carpet to the visiting PM.

"India is our major neighbour, a trusted friend and a regional partner. Bangladesh-India relations are growing at a fast pace. I invite PM Modi to visit Bangladesh," said Hasina.

The two leaders signed around 10 Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) and made several announcements.

The new announcements also include e-visa for patients from Bangladesh, new assistant high commission of India in Rangpur, a new train service between Kolkata and Rajshahi, new bus service between Chittagong and Kolkata, a joint technical committee for the Ganga Water Treaty, the commencement of export of 40 MW of power from Nepal to Bangladesh through Indian grid, visit of technical delegation on conservation of Teesta river inside Bangladesh and training of Bangladeshi police officers.

The two leaders also jointly articulated their vision for peace, prosperity and development of the two neighbours and the entire region, driven by connectivity, commerce and collaboration.

As part of sub-regional connectivity initiatives, India will extend transit facilities for movement of Bangladesh goods to Nepal and Bhutan through railway network. This was covered in a new MoU on railway connectivity as well as the decision to commence goods train service from Gede-Darshana through Chilahati-Haldibari up to Hasimara via Dalgaon railhead (when operationalised) at India-Bhutan border.

"We will continue to expand our power and energy collaboration and together develop intra-regional electricity trade, including competitively priced power generated from clean energy projects in India, Nepal and Bhutan, through the Indian electricity grid. For this, we will expedite the construction of 765 KV high-capacity interconnection between Katihar-Parbatipur-Bornagar with suitable Indian financial assistance, to act as the anchor for our grid connectivity," the joint statement said.

There were discussions on early commencement of negotiations for a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement, early operationalisation of two special economic zones offered by Bangladesh to India in Mongla and Mirsharai, opening of new border-haats, trade facilitation to enhance bilateral trade, improving road, rail, air and maritime trade.

PRIYANKA GANDHI VADRA

PRIMED TO BE THE INHERITOR OF INDIRA'S LEGACY

PREETHA NAIR

MANDAR PARDIKAR

FLUSH with a renewed sense of panache post-Lok Sabha election results, she is being described as a star campaigner, a backroom strategist, troubleshooter, and a talisman for the Congress. Priyanka Gandhi Vadra is perceived as the real 'crisis manager' for her elder brother Rahul Gandhi after he relinquished the Wayanad seat to retain Rae Bareli — one of the most difficult choices of his life. Priyanka will now contest the Wayanad bye-election after resisting to take the poll plunge since she entered active politics in 2019. Though it was anticipated that she would contest against Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Varanasi after taking over as the party's general secretary in charge of eastern Uttar Pradesh in 2019, she opted out of the fray.

After accepting party chief Mallikarjun Kharge's proposal that she should fight Wayanad bypolls, Priyanka said she was simply "lending her hand" to her brother.

As she steered the Congress campaign in Uttar Pradesh and other states in the recent parliamentary elections, speculation was intense within and outside Congress that Priyanka would be fielded from Rae Bareli, a stronghold of the Nehru-Gandhi family. However, she declined to contest from Rae Bareli citing organisational responsibilities.

Her pivotal role in the campaign helped the party in retaining Rae Bareli from where her brother contested, and Amethi, where the family's aide Kishori Lal Sharma took on Union minister Smriti Irani.

A Congress leader points out that Priyanka has always been a reluctant politician. She didn't show interest in any other role than strengthening the organisation. Some feel that though her electoral entry was long anticipated, she has avoided eclipsing her brother with whom she shares a close bond.

"I have said it a thousand times, I am not interested in joining politics," said Priyanka Gandhi during a BBC interview in 1999.

In 2009, she again told her interviewer: "Politics does not draw me because I've been through a whole introspective process. I was drawn to it earlier, as I thought it is what I wanted to do because it came naturally to me and for various other reasons."

Her noncommittal attitude let many leaders down as they considered Priyanka as a mirror image of her grandmother, former prime minister Indira Gandhi, the inheritor of her crowd-pulling oratorical prowess. She also added a distinct and powerful woman perspective to her party's established stance, enabling her to strike a chord with people instantly.

It has been documented that Indira Gandhi shared with her political adviser, Makhan Lal Fotedar, that he should ensure after her death that Priyanka enter politics and take the legacy forward. However, when Fotedar conveyed it to Rajiv Gandhi after Indira Gandhi's assassination, Rajiv told him, "To mummy aise kehti thi (Yes, she said so)."

Priyanka, 52, has always stood by her brother in strengthening his political career, without ever dropping a hint of upstaging him. While her future role is still being debated, party leaders say that the story only gets more interesting from here on as Congress plans its moves.

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In 1999, a young Priyanka took on her uncle, Arun Nehru, a BJP candidate who contested against Congress' Satish Sharma in Rae Bareli. In a rally, she said, "I have a complaint. A man who backstabbed my father is contesting here." That made sure Nehru lost the battle, recalls a party leader.

Priyanka has also displayed immense courage when she was faced with political and personal challenges, said another leader. In 1984, when Priyanka was 12 years old, Indira was assassinated. Seven years later, her father Rajiv Gandhi was killed in a suicide bombing in Tamil Nadu.

"Years of vipasana have made her a calm and focused person. She doesn't get flustered by challenges," said the leader. Priyanka possesses a degree in Psychology and Master's in Buddhist Studies.

She displayed compassion when she met Nalini Murugan, who was serving the life sentence in Rajiv's assassination. "Meeting Nalini was my way of coming to peace with the violence and loss that I have experienced," Priyanka said later.

NEET-UG MESS

6 arrested from J'khand by Bihar cops in paper leak

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

TIGHTENING the noose around the accused in NEET-UG question paper leak case, Bihar Police's Economic Offences Unit (EOU) has arrested six persons from Deoghar in Jharkhand.

Sources said the six suspects were apprehended from a house belonging to one Jhunu Singh near AIIMS-Deoghar under Devipur police station limits late on Friday. The arrested were identified as Paramjit Singh alias Bittu, Baldev Kumar alias Chintu, Prashant Kumar alias Kaju, Ajit Kumar and Rajiv Kumar alias Karu, all residents of Nalanda district in Bihar, and one Panku Kumar. All of them were escorted to Patna for interrogation at the EOU office.

The EOU probe has revealed that Chintu and Pintu, another accused in the case, were members of a gang led by Sanjeev Mukhiya, the alleged mastermind behind the paper leak.

Their modus operandi: A professor reportedly sent the question paper to Sanjeev. Chintu and Pintu distributed them among the NEET aspirants at Learn Boys Hostel and Learn Play School at Khemnichak, off New Bypass Road in Patna, on May 4, a day before the exam. Some MBBS students from Patna and Ranchi — allegedly members of a 'solver gang' — provided the answers, which the NEET aspirants memorised. The EOU has arrested four NEET aspirants in the case.

Activists stage a protest over the alleged irregularities in NEET-UG 2024 results and cancellation of UGC-NET exam, in Patna on Saturday | PTI

Meanwhile, the EOU has issued a notice to RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav's private secretary Pritam Kumar in connection with the case. During the probe, it was found that Pritam had reportedly booked a guest house for candidates and their relatives. Pritam has requested time before appearing for the investigation.

In a related development, the Bihar School Examination Board has postponed the Teacher Eligibility Test scheduled to be held on June 26-28, citing "unavoidable reasons". The new dates will be published later, a notification indicated.

Earlier in the day, EOU additional director general Nayyar Hasnain Khan submitted a status report on the probe to the Union Ministry of Education.

Based on the EOU FIR, the Enforcement Directorate is also likely to take up the matter under relevant sections of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act. The ED is expected to initiate proceedings to attach properties of the accused.

Former ISRO chief to lead 7-member panel to amend exam process

KETAN NAROTTAM TANNA @ New Delhi

AMID paper leak controversy, the Ministry of Education on Saturday announced the formation of a high-level committee of experts to ensure transparent, smooth and fair conduct of examinations through the National Testing Agency (NTA).

Led by former ISRO chief K Radhakrishnan, the seven-member panel will submit its report to the ministry within two months.

According to the Department of Higher Education under the ministry, the panel has been tasked with recommending reforms to the examination process, enhancing data security protocols, and improving the structure and functioning of the NTA. The members include Hyderabad University Vice-Chancellor Professor BJ Rao and former AIIMS Delhi director Dr Randeep Guleria.

The move follows the Centre's implementation of the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act on Friday, aimed at curbing malpractices and irregularities in competitive exams. The Act includes provisions for a maximum jail term of 10 years and a fine of up to ₹1 crore for offenders.

"Forming a high-level committee of experts with Dr K Radhakrishnan as chairman is a welcome step towards assuring the examination's transparent, smooth and fair conduct. The committee's emphasis on reforms will strengthen our national entrance examination system," said UGC chairman M Jagadesh Kumar.

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Modi visit sets tone for BJP's J&K poll plank

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi's two-day visit to Srinagar on June 20-21 marks a significant step in the BJP's strategy for assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir, where the saffron party aims to secure maximum seats, party leaders said.

The PM's visit, the first since securing a third consecutive term at the Centre, was planned to enhance BJP's electoral prospects in J&K. It was a calculated move to normalise the situation, which the Opposition projected as "not well" in the wake of recent terrorist incidents, the leaders said.

"PM's visit was aimed not only to preempt the Opposition criticism but also to bolster the morale of the BJP cadre ahead of elections," a senior BJP leader told this newspaper. "This was PM Modi's first visit after the declaration of Lok Sabha results and recent terror incidents in J&K. The BJP, aiming to win maximum seats to come to power in J&K after abrogation of Article 370, has prepared a slew of outreaches in the Union Territory," the leader said, wishing anonymity.

The statement underscores the BJP's intent to leverage Modi's presence to project stability and progress after the repeal of Article 370 in August 2019, and maximise poll gains showcasing its policies and governance agenda in J&K.

"We are aiming to field candidates in over 70% of the seats and exploring pre-poll alliances with local parties," said J&K BJP chief Ravinder Raina.

Following the delimitation process, J&K has 114 assembly seats, including 24 designated for areas in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, 43 in Jammu and 47 in Kashmir.

"The BJP plans to focus more on Kashmir region, where militancy has almost been contained," said a BJP leader. "Modi's visit was a part of the BJP's Mission Kashmir 2024 strategy. It laid down the groundwork to consolidate voter support across the Valley and Jammu region," the leader said.

The BJP aims to showcase electoral success in J&K as validation of its governance decisions, particularly the abrogation of Article 370. "Securing a strong mandate in the upcoming elections will substantiate our rationale behind scrapping of Article 370," political analyst RK Verma said.

He said Modi's visit on June 20 and 21 was poised to resonate politically serving as a pivotal moment in BJP's poll strategy. "As the party readies for assembly elections, Modi's engagements in the region were strategically finalised with political shrewdness to shape public perception and political discourse, laying the groundwork for a decisive electoral contest in J&K," said Verma.

CCPA, electronic manufacturers mull change in policy on warranty periods

JITENDRA CHOUBEY @ New Delhi

THE Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) on Saturday held a meeting with electronic appliance manufacturing companies to discuss the issue of warranty periods starting from the date of purchase instead of date of installation.

"Since the warranty period, as per the policies set by manufacturers, commences from the date of purchase, and not the date of installation, there is shortfall in the warranty period available to the consumers. A consumer can only begin using the product after it has been installed on his or her premises," said Nidhi Khare, chief commissioner, CCPA, who chaired the meeting.

Representatives from major electronic appliance companies, including Reliance Retail, LG, Panasonic, Haier, Croma and Bosch attended the meeting. The warranty issue was discussed over two categories of products. The 'plug-n-play' products such as iron press and microwave, which do not require any installation, and products such as air conditioners and refrigerators that require installation.

The meeting highlighted consumers' rights over products that they purchase. Since consumers usually come to know about details of the warranty after they have purchased the product, the companies should ensure that global best practices are followed in India and finally, grievances relating to the warranty period must be addressed in a proactive and prompt manner, it said.

The feasibility of having the date of installation as the date from which the warranty period should be calculated was discussed during the meeting.

It also discussed the measures to be explored in order to prevent abuse of this mechanism and to ensure that the consumers' interests are adequately safeguarded.

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DOUBLE ENGINE

Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on Saturday said the "double engine" government is dedicated to the welfare of all sections of the society guided by the teachings and principles of Sant Kabir Das.

2 CHILDREN DIE OF DIARRHOEA OUTBREAK IN ARUNACHAL

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	37	30	Mumbai	32	28
Bhopal	35	25	Panaji	29	27
Jaipur	39	31	Patna	37	29
Amritsar	44	30	Lucknow	38	31
Chennai	36	28	Port Blair	30	28
Kolkata	34	28	Imphal	32	23
Srinagar	29	14	Chandigarh	39	28

Gujarat BJP rift surfaces again

Home truth as spar between Mandaviya and former state minister Chavda deepens divide

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

A fresh dispute has cropped up between Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya and former state minister Jawahar Chavda in the faction-ridden state of BJP in Gujarat over the latter's absence from party events during the recent Lok Sabha polls.

The rift came to light after Jawahar Chavda responded via a social media video to what he perceived as an indirect criticism from Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya during a program five days prior. Chavda asserted, "If you had the courage, such remarks should have been voiced before or during the elections."

Chavda, the former MLA of the Manavdar assembly seat who had switched from Congress to BJP and previously served the state as a minister, emerged as a prominent figure during the general elections. His absence from BJP events during the campaign was noted by the party.

Reacting to his absence, MLA Arvind Ladani from Manavdar wrote a letter expressing concerns, stating, "Jawahar Chavda campaigned against Mandaviya and me, prioritizing his family over party interests."

In a felicitation programme organised by BJP workers in the Manavadar assembly, Union Minister Mandaviya made a veiled remark without specifying names, saying, "Those roaming around with the party symbol should dedicate themselves to the party. Despite some discontent, I consulted our leaders on the future course of action, and their response was clear: we must fight."

Chavda took to social media, posting a video in response to an indirect comment made by Mansukh Mandaviya. In the video, Chavda could be heard saying, "Mansukh Bhai, perhaps you may not remember, but I was known as a dedicated worker. Over ten years, I addressed every concern of the farmers in Manavadar."

"I led a democracy campaign in Junagadh and initiated a BPL assistance programme for the underprivileged. Through this initiative, more than 75 thousand impoverished individuals benefited. This was my commitment, and BJP aligned its identity with these efforts. If only there had been courage, such remarks should have been made before the elections, or even during them," he said.

MLA Ladani, who defected from Congress to BJP and won the Manavadar assembly bypoll concurrent with the Lok Sabha polls, made serious allegations against Chavda.

"Raj Chavda, son of former cabinet minister Jawaharbhai Chavda, convened a meeting at his ginning factory where he allegedly instructed over 800 workers to oppose BJP candidate Arvind Ladani in retaliation for his father's electoral loss, and to support the Congress candidate instead," he said. Ladani subsequently wrote a letter to state president CR P til detailing this incident.

During the same event where Mandviya in directly addressed Chavda, Dinesh Khataria, chairman of Savaj Dairy, stated, "I would like to remind Minister Mansukh Mandaviya that all the workers of the Manavadar Assembly have diligently contributed, resulting in a significant victory for both our party candidates. Despite efforts in the Manavadar Assembly, certain individuals made concerted efforts to disrupt the proceedings, but our workers remained steadfast and unwavering in their commitment".

Absence during campaign decried

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UP gag order on social media engagements of govt staff triggers uproar

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

THE Uttar Pradesh government's circular barring its employees, including bureaucrats, from expressing their opinions on social media and traditional media has sparked conflicting reactions, with some officers saying that the move aims at preventing outflow of sensitive information and others calling it a curb on the freedom of expression.

The circular, issued by additional chief secretary, personnel, Devesh Chaturvedi on Wednesday, prevents employees from talking, posting or writing on social media, print, digital or broadcast media. "The circular is an extension of the existing rules making it mandatory for state government employees to seek prior official permission before engaging in any form of writing on print, digital media, or broadcast media," said an officer.

However, the move is being seen as a policy shift executed with an intent to regulate the flow of information from government sources. "Anyone found flouting the norms or even leaking the crucial information from the government circulars would attract strict action," said another officer.

While some call the move a gag order, others say it is to ensure a sync between the information disseminated by employees and the government policies to prevent outflow of sensitive information.

Respecting the significance of individual's personal creative and intellectual rights, the circular excluded artistic, literary and scientific articles written by the employees from this restriction. Others believe that such measures would stop those in government from giving their fair opinion over policies. "As the new norms bar government employees from writing even with pseudonyms, the move will discourage the people from coming out with ideas for improvisation leading to a culture of silent compliance," says a PCS officer.

"Employees who want to express their views on topics not confining to the realm of art, culture, science or literature, would have to submit their proposed pieces of writings for review and awaiting official clearance," official said.

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Senior BJP leaders seek shot at fame

During his tenure as the Chief Minister and later as the Leader of Opposition, Devendra Fadnavis had cut to size other Maharashtra BJP top brass seeking to lay claim on the Chief Minister's Office. Now, after a BJP debacle in the Lok Sabha polls, these 'sidelined' leaders see a window of opportunity to make a return into active politics. One such leader, Ekanth Khadse, who joined NCP following a fiery exchange with state BJP leadership, wants to return to his former party. Pankaja Munde, who lost against the NCP (SP) candidate Bajrang Sonawane, in a bid to remain relevant, is lending active support to OBC agitation.

Another Pawar in Baramati?

In the Baramati Lok Sabha seat, deputy CM Ajit Pawar's brother Srinivas Pawar campaigned for Supriya Sule and not his brother's spouse Sunetra Pawar. Srinivas's son Yogendra Pawar was the first to make the move against his uncle Ajit Pawar, actively rallying in support for auut Supriya. Sule won LS election by over 1.50 lakh votes, including a 48,000-vote-lead in Baramati assembly segment. Yogendra Pawar sees this significant margin to Supriya Sule in the assembly as a window to keep foot in the arena of assembly polls against his uncle Ajit in the coming days.

Successful strategist to aid Cong in Maha

The Congress has decided to engage political strategist Sunil Kanugolu for the Maharashtra and Haryana assembly elections. Kanugolu and his team have worked with Congress in the Karnataka and Telangana assembly polls and is already in Mumbai where they have started working with the Maharashtra Pradesh Congress to design an effective strategy and campaign theme, seeking to replicate its success in Karnataka. The process of data mining and subsequent trend analysis has been initiated in full force, sources said, saying that multiple parameters are being considered while refraining from disclosing any more information.

Bhil woman publicly flogged for elopement in MP district, 7 held

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

IN an act of savagery, a married Bhil woman was flogged publicly by a man as four others held her tightly for eloping with her alleged lover twice in 1.5 years in Dhar district of Madhya Pradesh, police said on Saturday.

The incident came to light after a video of the incident went viral over social media.

"The police immediately swung into action after noticing the video of the public torture on Friday evening, hours after the incident. Multiple teams were formed and the victim (a mother of two) and the perpetrators of the crime tracked. Overnight, seven accused were arrested and booked for attempt to murder u/s 307 IPC," Dhar district police superintendent Manoj Kumar Singh said.

According to police sources, the seven arrested accused include the sarpanch of the village and the husband and brother-in-law of the woman who is in her early thirties. While state Congress president Jitu Patwari (who hails from the adjoining Indore district) raised the matter on the social media, the local Congress MLA and the leader of opposition in the state Umang Singhar maintained silence on the issue.

"What happened in Dhar has once again put a question mark on the BJP government's guarantee of women safety in the state. Can this daughter of Dhar district expect an impartial and prompt probe of the incident?" Patwari posted on X on Saturday.

The savagery with young tribal girls and women for eloping with lovers continues unabated in Bhil and Bhilala-dominated districts of western MP, particularly Dhar, Jhabua, Alirajpur, Khargone and Barwani.

In the past years, there have been several incidents of public flogging of young girls and women, semi-nude parading of women and their lovers with garland of slippers around their necks and blackened faces in these districts, which also have been caught on camera.

UP govt shifts 16 IPS officers in a post-poll major reshuffle

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

THE Uttar Pradesh government on Saturday transferred 16 senior IPS officers, including the police commissioners of Lucknow and Prayagraj which is set to hold Mahakumbh next year.

The cybercrime wing of UP police have been handed over to Binod Kumar Singh as ADG. Singh is UP cadre IPS officer of 1994 batch. He has come back from deputation as ADG CRPF. He has also served with the National Security Guard as DIG and IG from 2009 to 2014. He was Officer on Special Duty to the Rajnath Singh till 2017.

Lucknow Police Commissioner SB Shiradkar, a 1993-batch IPS officer, swapped position with Amrendra K Sengar, a 1995-batch IPS officer as ADG, Lucknow Zone.

Sources said that changes are being taken as consequence of certain incidents during the LS election. In Lucknow, IPS Shiradkar has been shunted consequent to a complaint of inaction against him in a case of 'manhandling of a BJP MLA by two inspectors' on May 20, the voting day in Lucknow.

Communal clash erupts in Jodhpur; 2 cops hurt, 47 held

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

A communal clash erupted in Jodhpur's Sursagar in which two policemen were injured and two vehicles were damaged, police said on Saturday.

The clash began on Friday night following the removal of a gate from the wall of an idgah. "The situation escalated rapidly with stone pelting, leading to the torching of a shop and a tractor. Additionally, a Bolero vehicle was vandalized, and a police officer sustained injuries during the stone pelting. Police resorted to lathi charge and arrested about 47 people," said Nishant Bhardwaj, Jodhpur additional DCP (west).

"To control the unrest, police fired 4-5 rounds of teargas shells. Heavy police and Rajasthan Armed Constabulary forces have been deployed to maintain order. Additionally, Section 144 has been implemented in the Pratapnagar Circle police station area," Bhardwaj said.

He said there are several shops near the main gate of the idgah located at Rajaram Circle in Sursagar police station area. Two days ago, work began on removing two gates from the wall behind the idgah, which sparked protests from local residents. "Residents of a nearby colony opposed the removal of the gates, leading to two days of disputes between the two sides. The police managed to calm the situation initially. However, on Friday, as the gate removal continued, the residents renewed their protests, insisting on halting the work. This led to a confrontation with another group who supported the gate removal," Bhardwaj said.

Police Commissioner Rajendra Singh said the situation is under control and police have been deployed in the area. This is the third such incident in five years in Sursagar area. Similar incidents occurred in the past. "Jodhpur is a city of peace and harmony. The district and police administration are capable of teaching a lesson to those who play with the law and order," said Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Union minister and Jodhpur MP.

Rajasthan minister Jogaram Patel said, "There has always been a communal atmosphere in Sursagar. Yesterday's incident was not right. If any anti-social element takes advantage of this, it will not be tolerated. We will not allow the communal atmosphere to be spoiled in any form."

Police personnel detain a person after stone pelting took place during a clash between two groups in Jodhpur on Friday | PTI

Yoga for All unites hearts in Dehradun

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

PEOPLE from all age groups participated with enthusiasm in Yoga for All organized by Event Express, a division of The New Indian Express Group, at the Sky Garden in Dehradun, on the 10th International Yoga Day on Thursday.

Ringed in by majestic Himalayan ranges, and nestled in the serene Doon Valley, the morning event saw Mayor Sunil Uniyal Gama, the chief guest, reintroducing the significance of the day to the participants. "It is a matter of pride for us that with the inspiration of PM Narendra Modi, today marks the 10th anniversary of International Yoga Day," he said. "Yoga Day should not be limited to June 21; it should become a part of our daily routine so that we can realize the vision of a healthy society," said Gama.

A large number of participants aged between 8 and 70 years demonstrated their love for yoga by performing a variety of asanas. They were assisted by assistant professor Dr. Somlata Jha from Swami Rama Himalayan University's Himalayan School of Yoga Sciences in an hour-long session. Dr Jha emphasized the advantages of practising 'Shavasana' and 'Makarasana', urging people to incorporate diaphragmatic breathing into their routine.

Participants of Yoga for All organised by Event Express, a division of The New Indian Express Group, in Dehradun | EXPRESS

The participants showed a range of asanas such as Adhomukhishavasana, Ardhachandrasana, Ashtavkrasana, Makarasana, Mandukasana, Padmasana, Paschimottan Asana. Dr Jha also emphasized the importance of Pranayama. Sadhana Mishra, Director Operations at Swami Rama Himalayan University (SRHU), highlighted the importance of physical well-being.

Winners of a lucky draw were honoured with gifts and certificates by Prabhu Chawla, Editorial Director of The New Indian Express, and Sadhana Mishra, Director of Operations at SRHU.

The main sponsors of the event were Swami Ram Himalayan University (SRHU) and PC Jewellers. The co-sponsors include National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC), Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL), Power Finance Corporation (PFC), Carnivore Kebab, Shuddhgram (Organic Pulse), Uttarakhand Jal Vidyut Nigam Limited (UJVNL), Power Transmission Corporation of Uttarakhand Limited (PTCUL), Keensighted in facility management, Builders in Golden Gate and Capital Athena, Goyal Sons Jewellers, SRM University, The Hair Smith, Rooted-The Natural Sciences, Amntech Savvy Private Ltd, V John and Local APP.

Shivraj's son says Delhi bowing to dad, Cong asks why not made PM

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

ENTHUSED by his father's landslide Lok Sabha polls win and subsequent debut in the union cabinet, union agriculture minister **Shivraj Singh Chouhan**'s elder son Kartikey Singh Chouhan believes that Delhi is bowing to the ex-Madhya Pradesh chief minister.

"I've just returned after staying in Delhi. Earlier also our leader (Chouhan) was quite popular as the CM. But I don't know why it seems that he became more popular when he was not the CM. But now after the colossal win, the entire Delhi is natmastak (bowing), respecting, and recognizing him. But not just in Delhi, from Kashmir to Kanyakumari, our leader Shivraj Singh Chouhan is being counted among the biggest leaders now," Chouhan Jr said while addressing a meeting of BJP workers and people in his father's pocket-borough, Budhni assembly constituency of Sehore district on Friday.

While lauding the overwhelming support of the voters of Budhni at the meeting, Kartikey said, "This has been possible only due to the support of our people here in Budhni."

The union agriculture minister's "Delhi bows to our leader" statement, however, was enough for the Congress to question, "Is Kartikey trying to project his father as a bigger national leader than PM Narendra Modi?"

Reacting to his, fourth-time Congress MLA and state leader of opposition Umang Singhar said, "It seems that Kartikey wants to project his father as a bigger national leader than PM Narendra Modi."

The former MP CM and Congress's Rajya Sabha member Digvijaya Singh said, "If Shivraj's popularity truly extends from Kashmir to Kanyakumari, then BJP leaders nationally should acknowledge this and consider promoting Shivraj as the country's PM."

Notably, the only time Shivraj Singh Chouhan lost a major poll in his nearly three-and-a-half-decade-long career was in 2003, when then-CM Digvijaya Singh had defeated Chouhan by over 21,000 votes from the Raghogarh assembly seat.

After winning the Vidisha Lok Sabha seat by a margin of over 8.20 lakh votes, Shivraj Singh Chouhan was appointed as the agriculture minister in the Narendra Modi 3.0 cabinet and after winning the Lok Sabha election from the Vidisha seat, Chouhan resigned as an MLA from the Budhni assembly seat.

6 dead in landslide in eastern China, as severe weather warning extended

Dozens killed in Israeli attacks on 2 Gaza cities

Hamas-controlled health ministry says refugee camps in Gaza City and Rafah struck by Israeli forces

JERUSALEM

HEALTH officials in Gaza said Israeli air strikes in two neighbourhoods of Gaza City on Saturday killed at least 24 people and injured many others.

At least 20 people were killed in a strike on a house in Al-Tuffah neighbourhood, while a strike in Al-Shati refugee camp claimed the lives of four others, Gaza civil defence agency spokesman Mahmud Basal told AFP. Doctor Mahmud Aliwa of Al-Ahli hospital said 24 bodies were brought to the facility after the strikes.

Earlier on Saturday the Israeli military said its fighter jets were striking "two Hamas military infrastructure sites in the area of Gaza City."

"Israeli aircraft bombed a residential complex in Al-Shati camp ... we recovered bodies of four victims," Basal said.

In a separate attack, Israeli forces shelled tent camps for displaced Palestinians outside Gaza's southern city of Rafah, killing at least 25 people and wounding another 50, according to the territory's health officials and emergency workers. This was the latest deadly attack in southern Gaza Strip, where hundreds of thousands have fled fighting between Israel and Hamas.

It comes less than a month after an Israeli bombing triggered a deadly fire that tore through a camp for displaced Palestinians in southern Gaza, drawing widespread international outrage — including from some of Israel's closest allies — over the military's expanding offensive into Rafah.

Witnesses whose relatives died in one of the bombardments near a Red Cross field hospital north of Rafah told The Associated Press that Israeli forces fired a second volley that killed people who came out of their tents.

The International Committee of the Red Cross said the hospital was flooded with casualties, including 22 dead and 45 wounded, and condemned the firing of "high-caliber projectiles" a few meters (yards) from the facility. Hundreds of people live in tents nearby, including many of the hospital staff, the ICRC said.

According to Ahmed Radwan, a spokesperson for Civil Defense, witnesses told rescue workers about Friday's shelling at two locations in a coastal area that has become filled with makeshift tents. The Health Ministry in Gaza reported the number of people killed and wounded in the attacks.

Agencies

People run for cover as smoke billows over the Gaza City's eastern suburb of Shejaiya after Israeli bombing on Saturday | AFP

WAR WATCH

ISRAEL-GAZA: DAY 260

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Israeli man shot dead in West Bank

An Israeli was shot dead in a Palestinian town in the northern West Bank on Saturday morning, Israel's army said, while deadly strikes rocked northern Gaza. The army said Israeli man was pronounced dead after being shot in the town of Qalqilya, and that Israeli troops were currently operating in the area. Israeli forces shot dead two militants in the same town

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that, my client **Sri.UMASHANKAR.K.C**, aged about 40 years, S/o.late. Chikka Muniyappa, resident of Kempathimmanahalli, Kannamangala Post, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District-562 110, is intend to purchase the below mentioned schedule property from its joint owners **1)Sri. E.S. SAMPANGIRAM**, aged about 64 years, S/o.late. Esturi Subbaiah Setty, Residing at No.414, M.G.Road, near Acharya College, Gauribidanur, Gauribidanur Taluk, Chikkaballapura District-561 208 & **2) Sri.KRISHNAPPA .G**, aged about 69 years, S/o.Late.Doddagangappa, Residing at Ward No. 13, V.V.Puram, Front of Brahmin Hostel, Gauribidanur, Gauribidanur Taluk, Chikkaballapura District-561 208. Any interested/affected person/s claiming or asserting their any kind of right, title, interest or whatsoever over the schedule property may be contacted at the office address given below with all respective papers pertains to **the schedule property within 7 days** from the date of this publication. In the absence of the same, my client will proceed to purchase the schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the part and parcel of Agricultural land formed in Sy.No.73, measuring 09 acres 25 guntas, excluding Kharab land measuring 0-22 guntas total extent of 10 acres 07 guntas, situated at Idagur Village, Kasaba Hobli, Gauribidanur Taluk, Chikkaballapura District & bounded on the: **EAST BY** : Road, **WEST BY**: Road, **NORTH BY** : Road & **SOUTH BY** : The Land belongs to Sri. Ghouse Khan.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, the Undersigned advocate on behalf of my client **Ramesh S/o Munishamappa and others** has filed petition for death certificate of petitioner No.1 Wife, Petitioner No.2 and 3 **Mother Krishnamma W/o Ramesh**, She was died on **03/08/2006** at Kadayarapanahalli Village, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Mother of the Petitioners, If any parties who have objections with regard to issue of death certificate can appear before the Hon'ble Add Civil Judge and JMFC at Devanahalli on **28/06/2024 at 11:00 A.M in C.Misc. No. 64/2024.**

By Order Of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer
Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
T. K. SAVITHRAMMA, Advocate

SALE DEED LOST

It is represented by the undersigned that **Mr. Gowtham.S.** S/o, Late. Siddalingappa, Aged about 51 years, Residing at, No.2937, 2nd Main, 14th Cross, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bengaluru- 560070, has lost/misplaced the Original **Sale Deed Dated: 03-03-2001, Vide Document Reg.No.14800/2000-01**, in the Sub-Registrar office, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru. registered the document in the name of the earlier seller of **Meenakshi Garden Resorts Pvt.Ltd, Represented by Managing Director Sri.A. Siddalingappa**, and also another earlier Document executed by the Sr.H.S. Gangadharappa **in favour of Meenakshi Garden Resorts Pvt.Ltd, Represented by Managing Director Sri. A. Siddalingappa**, Dated 08-07-1997, Vide Document Reg No.4154/1997-98, a schedule property bearing **Site No.32, (Thirty Two)** formed in Converted Survey No.s 22/1D and 22/1G, converted by an order Dated 06-05-1993, passed in case No.B.DIS.ALNSR(N)159/91-92, BY THE Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru District, Situated at **SIDEDAHALLI Village**, Yeshawanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru, now comes under limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Ward No.14, measuring **East to West: 53-0 feet, and North to South : 19 total site area 1007 square feet, on.20-06-2024**, my client **Mr.Gowtham.S.** going on bus at Bagalagunte to City stop at that time bag is lost with earlier owner names Original Sale Deeds (02 Sale Deed) are lost. then lodged a online Police Complaint before the Bagalagunte police regarding for not traced the loss/misplaced **above Original Sale Deeds** document have been **E-lost compliant lodged on 22-06-2024**, before Bengaluru urban station police through online vide **Lost Report No.1110787/2024**, till today my client **Mr. Gowtham.S.** have not pledged the documents for any security or loan or borrowing. Hence I give a Public Notice through paper publication in daily News Paper, any person in possession of the above said documents/ please contact this my office address or **Mobile No.6364048813** or above address within **15 days** from the date of this announce of publication.

CHIDANANDAPPA RAMANNA HOSPAR.
Advocate
No.1457/51, Samartha Sadana, Veerashettihalli, Achitnagar Post, Acharya College main Road, Bengaluru-560107.
Mob: 9343175376 & 636404881
Dated : 22-06-2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our Client **Ramanand Rhyner** S/o Jaya Kausalya Rhyner, owner of Flat No. 202, Premier Augusta, M.S. Nagar has lost the original registered Sale Deed dated 23.03.2007 vide document No. SHV-1-05521/06-07 in CD No. SHVD79 before the Sub-Registrar, Shivajinagara, Khatha certificate No. BMP/REV/2007-08/KO274415, endorsement No. DUS(S) S.N 164/08-09, and connected documents in transit on 19.06.2024 and a complaint has been filed before the Ramamurthy Nagar P.S. on 22.06.2024. If any person/s found the above documents they are requested to submit to the under signed or Ramamurthy Nagar P.S. in the event of misusing the same they shall not be valid, unenforceable and binding hereafter on our client.

Sd/-
Syed Mubasheer Ahmed, Advocate,
No 144, 1st Floor 2nd Avenue, 6th Main, Opp. Axis Bank ATM, Teachers Colony, KUSTC Layout, Venkatapura, Bangalore 560034
Mob: 9845008701 Date: 22.06.2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client Smt.SAVITA VEERAPPA KAREGOUDAR C/o Prashanthkunar, R/at No. 744, 3rd 5th Block, Near Government School, Hiremannapur, Kushtagi Taluk, Koppal District-583 277, is intending to purchase the schedule property, from 1) Smt.BHUVANESHWARI D/o Chinnapullay, 2) Smt.MEENAKSHI D/o Chinnapullay and 3) Sri.SATHISH.C S/o Chinnapullay, both are residing at No.31, 20th L Cross, Srirama Temple Road, Ejipura, Bengaluru-560 047. Any person/persons having any claim, right, title or interest over schedule property and willing to object may offer their objections in writing and may contact the undersigned with relevant documents, within 15 days from this day, at working hours.

SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel of bearing No1, House list No.39, Old Katha No.5, (formerly portion of Sy No.31 of Ejipura) situated at 20th L Cross, Ejipura, Begur Hobli, BBMP Ward No.148, Bengaluru, and constructed Ground and First Floor residential Building, measuring East to West 52 ft. and North to South 57 ft., total 2,964 Sq. Ft. bounded on: East by : Road, and Srirama Temple Main Road, West by : Property belong to Padmavathi, North by : 20th 'L' Cross, South by : Remaining property in Sy. No.31 belong to Jangamappa

Sri. K.E. JAGADEESHA, Advocate
No.3/4, Southern Side, 3rd Floor, Tower Block, Unity Building, Mission Road, Bengaluru- 560 027. Mob: 98809 26218

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client Smt. Chandrakala .D., W/o Late R. Mahesh and her son are the absolute owners of the site property, more fully described in the Schedule, having acquired through Law of Inheritance from her husband, who acquired it under a registered Partition Deed dated 15/03/2014 with his father and siblings, registered in the office of Sub-Registrar, Banashankari as document No. BSK-1-13541-2013-14, in Book – IV, Stored in CD No. BSKD – 260 and dated 15/03/2014. My client informs that the original of the said Partition Deed is irretrievably lost by her.

My client has lodged a E-Lost complaint Report with Karnataka State police on 18/06/2024, in this regard.

If anyone finds the above document, or if anyone is having this document in their custody, the same may be handed over to the undersigned within **Fifteen days** from the date of this Public Notice. If any person or persons or financial institution or Bank has any claim over the schedule property or any person or persons claim any right, title or interest, over the schedule property, the same may be lodged with the undersigned within **Fifteen days** from today, along with relevant claim documents, failing which, it will be presumed that the schedule property is free from any such claim and any claim received thereafter will not bind my clients or their mortgagees or subsequent purchasers, and would not be considered by my client or subsequent transferees.

SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel of the converted residential Site bearing No. 64, measuring 2400 Sq. ft., (formed on lands in Sy. Nos. 48/2) measuring East to West: 60 feet and North to South: 40 feet, totally measuring 2400 Sq. ft., in the layout known as 'VASUDHAA SILICON GREENS', situated at Chikkanagamangala Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District and bounded on:

East by : Road
West by : Site No. 78 & 77
North by : Site No. 65
South by : Road

AISHWARYA P. KUMAR, Advocate
A-34, V.K. Residency Shivaram Karanth Road, Opp. Chikkallasandra Bus Stand, Chikkallasandra, Bangalore – 560 061
Mob : 9620301936
Bangalore Dated: 22/06/2024

ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ, ವಿಜಯಪುರ

ಸಂ:ಮನಪಾ/ಲೋ.ವಿ/ಕಾಅ/ಡಿಎಮ್ಎ/ಟಿಎನ್‌ಡಿ/ಇಪ್ರೋ–/2024–25

ದಿನಾಂಕ:20.06.2024

ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ವಿಜಯಪುರ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ಬಿಡುಗಡೆಯಾದ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ಅನುದಾನದಲ್ಲಿ 04 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು, ಸನ್ 2023–24 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ನಿಧಿಯಡಿ ಶೇ. 24.10, ಶೇ. 7.25 ಹಾಗೂ ಶೇ. 5ರ ಯೋಜನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ 01 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಮತ್ತು ಸ್ವಚ್ಛ ಭಾರತ ಮಿಷನ್ (ನಗರ) 2.0 ರ ಅನುದಾನದಲ್ಲಿ 01 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂಡಿ ಇವರಿಂದ ನೋಂದಾಯಿತ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಇ–ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಡರ್ಡ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯೂಮೆಂಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಐಟಂವಾರು ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ ಮೂಲಕ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ (**https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**) ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸೂಚನೆ: ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ ಹಾಗೂ ದಿನಾಂಕ ವಿಸ್ತರಣೆ **kppp.karnataka.gov.in** ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ನಮೂದಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **05–07–2024**

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು,
ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ, ವಿಜಯಪುರ

ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ವಿಜಯಪುರ/53/ಕೆಎಸ್‌ಎಂಸಿಎ/2024–25

STATE BANK OF INDIA
Retail Assets Central Processing Centre-II, KORAMANGALA
No.12, 7th Main, 3rd Block, Koramangala
Bengaluru-560034, Tel:080-25943803, Fax:080-25943805

POSSESSION NOTICE

Under Rule - 8 (1) (For immovable property)

A/c.Nos. 40342004167 & 40342128730

WHEREAS, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the State Bank of India, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (No. 3 of 2002) issued a Demand Notice dated **09.01.2024** calling upon the borrowers **Miss. Khangjrakpam Nandita Devi**, D/o. Khangjrakpam Basanta Singh & **Mrs. S. Sulochana Devi**, W/o. Khangjrakpam Basanta Singh, to repay the amount mentioned in the **Rs. 45,60,844/-** (Rupees Forty Five Lakhs Sixty Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty Four Only) as on 08.01.2024 and interest & expenses thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 and 9 of the said rules on **19.06.2024.**

The borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India for an amount of **Rs.45,21,075/-** (Rupees Forty Five Lakhs Twenty One Thousand and Seventy Five only) as on 17.06.2024 and interest + expenses thereon.

The borrower's/ mortgagor's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Sale Deed. Regd. No. JPN-1-03025-2021-22, C D No. JPND1180 dated: 19.08.2021 at SRO: Jayanagar (J.P. Nagar), Bengaluru.

SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY : (The property on which the Building RAIN BOW OAKS Apartment is being constructed)

All that piece and parcel of the residential converted land bearing **Sy. No. 37/8** (Old Sy. No. 37/5A, previous old Sy. No. 37/3), BBMP KhataNo. 285/37/8, situated at Begur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore District, measuring 1-00 Acre (converted vide conversion order in an Official Memorandum bearing No. ALN (SB) SR. 27/17-18, dated 03.04.2018, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Banglore District, Bangalore) and bounded on the: - East **by**: Land bearing Sy. Nos. 37/5A & 37/5B, **West by**: Land bearing Sy. No. 37/3, **North by**: Land bearing Sy. No. 37/5A and **South by**: Land bearing Sy. No. 38.

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY : An undivided 1.02% share, right, title and interest in the Schedule-A Property, i.e., 444.000 Sft.

SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY : (Description of the apartment agreed to be sold to the Purchaser corresponding to the acquisition of Schedule-B Property) 'A' 2 BHK apartment, Flat No. B312/ Third Floor in 'Block -B', of the Apartment Building known as **"RAIN BOW OAKS"** CONSTRUCTED IN THE Schedule-A property with carpet area of 602.000 square feet, having super built- up area of 918 Sqft., with proportionate share in common areas and club house with 1 closed Car Park space in Stilt floor. Standing in the joint names of Miss. Khangjrakpam Nandita Devi & Mrs. S. Sulochana Devi.

Place:Bengaluru
Date: 19.06.2024

Sd/- Authorised Officer,
STATE BANK OF INDIA
RACPC-II, Koramangala, Bengaluru

PF OF RS. 60/- VIII No. 1848/24
DATED 19.06.2024 TOM TOM CHARGES OF RS. 1000/- IS DEPOSITED VIDE D.No. 25
DATED : 19.06.2024
SPOT SALE : 15.07.2024
COURT SALE : 18.07.2024
FROM No. 29

PROCLAMATION OF SALE
(See Order XXI RULE 66)
IN THE COURT OF THE 83RD ADDITIONAL CITY AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU

COM. EX. 492/2022
(COM. O.S. 559/2021)

DECREE HOLDER : M/s. Omkar Investments and Finance, No. 201/1, 1st Floor, Shiva Krupa, 5th Cross, 3rd Main Road, Chamarajpe, Bengaluru-560018.

JUDGMENT DEBTOR : 1. Mrs. Vandana Gopal Shinde, W/o. Gopal Pandurang Shinde, 55 years

2. Mr. Gopal Pandurang Shinde S/o. Pandurang Shinde, both are r/o. Flat No.246, 4th Floor, Rajanigundha Garden Apartment, No.21, Vittal Mallya Road, Bengaluru-560001.

Notice is hereby given that, under Rule 64 of Order XXI of the code of Civil Procedure, 1908 an order has been passed by this court for the sale of the attached property mentioned in the annexed schedule in satisfaction of the claim of the decree- holder in the suit (1) mentioned in the margin amounting with costs and interest up to date of sale to the sum of Rs. 1,76,06,578/-

The sale will be by public auction, and the property will be put up for sale in the lots specified in the Schedule. The sale will be of the property of the judgment debtors above-named as mentioned in the Schedule below, and the liabilities and claims attaching to the said property, so far as they have been ascertained, are those specified in the Schedule against each lot.

In the absence of any order of postponement, the sale will be held By Public Auction at the monthly sale commencing at **11.00 "0 Clock on 15th July 2024 at the spot and 11.00 A.M on the18th July 2024** at the court in the event however of the debt above specified and the costs of the sale being tendered or paid before the knocking down of any lot, the sale will be stopped.

At the sale the public generally are invited to bid, either personally or by duly authorised agent. No bid by, or on behalf of, the judgement-creditors above-mentioned, however, will be accepted, nor will any sale to them be valid without the express permission of the Court previously given. The following are the further.

CONDITION OF SALE

1. The particulars specified in the Schedule below have been stated to the best of the information of the Court, but the Court will not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation.
2. The amount by which the bidding's are to be increasing shall be determined by the officer conducting the sale. In the event of any dispute arising as to the amount bid, or as to the bidder, the lot shall at once put up to auction.
3. The highest bidder shall be declared to be the purchaser of any lot, provided always that he is legally qualified to bid, and provided that it shall be in the discretion of the Court or officer holding the sale to decline acceptance of the highest bid when the price offered appears so clearly inadequate as to make it advisable to do so.
4. For reasons recorded, it shall be in the discretion of the office re conducting the sale to adjourn it subject always to the provisions of Rule 69 of Order XXI.
5. In the case of movable property, the price of each lot shall be paid at the time of sale or as soon after as the officer holding the sale directs, and in default of payment the property shall forthwith be again put up the resold.
6. In the case of immovable property, the person declared to be the purchaser shall pay immediately after such declaration a deposit of 25% on the amount of his purchase money to the officer conducting the sale, and in default of such deposit the property shall forthwith be put up again and resold.
7. The full amount of the purchase money shall be paid by the purchaser before the Court closes on the fifteenth day after the sale of the property, exclusive of such day, or if the fifteenth day be a Sunday or other holiday, then on the first office day after the fifteenth day.
8. In default or payment of the balance of purchase money within the period allowed, the property shall be resold after the issue of a fresh notification of sale. The deposit, after defraying the expenses of the sale, may, if the Court thinks fit, be forfeited to Government and the defaulting purchaser shall forfeit all claim to the property or to any part of the sum for which it may be subsequently sold.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immovable residential apartment bearing Flat No.256, PID No. 76-22-21/106, Corporation No.21/106, on the 5th Floor of the multi storied building by name 'RAJNIGANDHA' in the apartment complex known as "GARDEN APARTMENTS" constructed in the land bearing Corporation No.21, Vittal Mallya Road (formerly known as Grant Road), Bangalore 560001 (hereinafter referred to as larger property), consisting of 2 bed rooms, hall, kitchen, 2 toilets and once store room, a balcony above porch chajja etc., and measuring a super built up area of 1350 square feet along with prorate common area and facilities constructed as per sanctioned plan bearing No. LP.NO. ENE/3999/178-79 modified plan vide LP.No. 1669/1981-82 issued by the Municipal Corporation of Bangalore City with mosaic flooring and settle windows and one car parking space bearing No.156 along with 0.448% of in divided share (measuring 383 square feet) out of larger property and bounded on:

East by : Premises No.20, Vittal Mallya Road, **West by :** Premises Nos. 22/1, 22/2, 22/3, 22/4, Vittal Mallya Road, **North by :** Vittal Mallya Road, **South by :** Premises 23 and 24, Lavelle Road.

NOTE: "The value of the property is stated by the PHR is Rs. 1,84,36,593/-, and the value of the property is not stated by the JDR"

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court this 19.06.2024.

Senior Sheristedar, Commercial Court Unit, City Civil Court, Bengaluru.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients **1) Sri. SUSHIL MONDAL, 2) Sri. AKHIL MONDAL, 3) Sri. TAPAN KUMAR MONDAL all are children of** Jaharlal Mondal, are intending to purchase the Property mentioned in the Schedule from 1. Sri. L. **SHIVANANJE GOWDA**, 2.Sri.**A.L. KRISHNA both are children** Lakkanna Gowda, 3.Smt.**PUSHPALATH K. W/o.Late** Jayaram, 4.Smt.**MRUTHIKA J. GOWDA** D/o. Late Jayaram mis. **5.MRUDULA J. GOWDA** D/o.Late Jayaram. Any financial institutions and the General Public are hereby notified that if anybody has any claims, charges, lien etc., if any in respect of the schedule property may approach the undersigned with documentary proof relied upon within Five (5) days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, my client proceeds to complete the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immovable residential property bearing Present Municipal Corporation Nos. 26, 27 & 28 (Old Nos. 998-999 Nos. 1121, 1122, 1123) situated at Dharmaraya Temple Street, Nagarathpet Main Road, Ward No.47, Bangalore city, Bangalore, site measuring East to West 23 feet, and North to South 52 feet, which include the passage situated between the schedule property measuring East to west 23 feet and North to South 5 feet and 2 inches, and bounded on the: **East by :** Property of Smt. Nagarathna, **West by :** Private Property, **North by:** Nagarathpet Main Road and **South by:** Private Property.

Sri G. V. VASUDEVA MURTHY, Advocate
No.37/3, 3rd Cross, Cubbonpet, Bangalore-560002.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This to inform the general public that my client viz., **Sri.N.C. Veerabadraiah,** son of late Chikkarevanna, resident of No.133, Manjunatha Nilaya, Old UCO Bank Road, 7th Cross, Ramamurthynagar, Bengaluru-560 016, has lost the following original documents: Contact No.9341257768.

a. Sale Deed dated:19/12/2001 registered as document No.11229/2001-02, book-I, volume 2265, pages 118 to 123, in the office of the Senior Sub-Registrar, K.R.Puram, executed by Smt.C.Sharadamma, wife of Sadashivaiah.

b. Sale Deed dated:19/01/1983 registered as document No.5932/1982-83, book-I, volume 1214, pages 185 to 187, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Bengaluru South Taluk, executed by Sri.N.S. Chandrashekaraiah, son of N.C.Shivarudrappa.

c. Sale Deed dated: 16/11/1979 registered as document No.3798/1979-80, book-I, volume 1427, pages 228 to 231, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Bengaluru South Taluk, executed by Smt. Kanniyamma wife of V.Muniswamy.

d. Sale Deed dated:09/01/1969 registered as document No.4825/1968-69, book-I, volume 738, pages 235 to 237, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Bengaluru Taluk (South), Bengaluru, by Sri.K.R.Nanjappa Reddy, son of Ramaiah.

On 15/06/2024 in respect of the property katha No.1741, property No.27, site No.28, comes within the limits of K.R.Puram C.M.C, Vijinapura Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, and in this regard my client lodged a complaint before the police on 15/06/2024 itself in lost report No.1100885/2024 and the police has/have issued the endorsement for the same.

Through this public notice my client requesting the general public that if anybody trace out the aforesaid documents the same may be handed over to the under signed or to my client immediately.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the house property bearing No.28, site No.27 katha No.1741, situated at Vijinapura Village, Krishnarajapura Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk and same is bounded on **East by:** Road
West by: old site No.13 Private property
North by: N.C.Nagarathamma's property
South by: Old site No.27 Private property.

M. RAJA Advocate
No.387, 1st floor, 1st "A" Cross, Vinayaka Street, Munikalappa Layout, Ramamurthy Nagar, Bengaluru-560 016
Mobile:9448039704

CLASSIFIEDS

MATRIMONIAL

BRIDE WANTED

South Indian, Brahmin groom based at Ahmedabad, 77 born, Height- 5.10" MBA - Finance earning very Decent income from established family Business, seeks suitable vegetarian Brahmin girl from Respectable, Cultured upper middle Class home.
(Divorced & Marriage Bureaus need not respond)

Contact Cell:
96382 33444

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Sri. Kishor S/o. Babu Lal is negotiating to purchase immovable property bearing House List No. 16, of BBMP Old PID No. 13/16 of Ward No. 192, Begur, which is mentioned in the Schedule hereunder situated at Beretena Agrahara Gramatana, Bengaluru, measuring 30 x 40 Feet which is more fully described hereunder and herein after referred to as the schedule property for a valuable consideration.

The respective owner of the property Smt. Roopa D/o. Gopal Gowda have represented that she is having clear and marketable title over the schedule property and that the schedule property is free from any kind of encumbrances, Court attachments, Minor claims, Charges, Coparcenary claims, lien, Mortgage, or any kind of interest or whatsoever nature over the schedule property.

Any person or persons claiming to have any right and/or interest or any other claims or objections may lodge their objection or claim along with the supporting documents through R P A D or in person with the undersigned within 15 days from the date of publication of this Notice

If no such objection/s or claim/s is/ are received within the prescribed time, my client will proceed to complete the negotiations and the sale transaction. If any objections and claim is lodged beyond the prescribed period it shall not be reckoned and it shall be deemed that all objections and claims by whomsoever are waived

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the Residential site bearing House List No. 16, Old PID No. 13/16, Ward No. 192, Begur Hobli, situated at Beretena Agrahara Gramatana, Bengaluru, measuring 30 x 40 Feet. And is bounded on;-

EAST BY : Property belongs to Babu,
WEST BY : Private Property.
NORTH BY : 20 Feet Road and
SOUTH BY : Property belongs to Dharmalingam.

M/s Gowri Shankar Law Associates
No. 1143, 1st Floor. 6, Main 7th Sector, H.S.R Layout, Bengaluru-560102
Email:- gslahsr@gmail.com,
Mob :- 9008050007

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Sri. R Madhavan,** S/o Sri. S A Ramalingam and **Smt. Sheela Madhavan** W/o Sri. R Madhavan proposed to purchase the Schedule property from Smt. Sudha Neelakanta, W/o Sri. Venkatesh Harinarayan and **Sri. Venkatesh Harinarayan,** S/o Sri. C P Harinarayan, That if any person/s, Bank/s, Authorities has/have any objections for the proposed sale transaction or claims any kind whatsoever on the schedule property may lodge their claims/objections with documentary proof within (07) Seven days from the date of publication of this notice with the undersigned failing which thereafter my client shall proceed to complete the sale transaction and any claims received thereafter will not be entertained.

SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY

All that piece and Parcel of immovable property, being the western portion of the property bearing Corporation/Municipal No. 95, situated at 6th Main, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560003, totally measuring about 18344 Sq., ft., with Apartment building thereon and Bounded as follows.

Boundaries:

East by : Residential Portions of the property portion being properties bearing Old No. 95/1, 95/2, 95/3 and 95/4;
West by : 6th Main Road and Property bearing Old No. 95/5;
North by : Private Property belonging to the heirs of Sri H V Narayana Rao;
South by : Private Road for the Project owners as access to the residual Portions of the Property bearing Old No. 95/1, 95/2, 95/3 and 95/4.

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY

5.87% Undivided right, title and interest in the land area covered by the Schedule A Property mentioned above equivalent to about 1076.06 Sq., ft., of undivided share land Corresponding to the Schedule "C" Apartment.

SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of that Four Bedroom Residential Apartment bearing No. 304, BBMP Municipal No. 95/1-18, PID No. 7-5-95/1-18, Third Floor in the residential Building Known as "RENAISSANCE REGALIA", having a Super built up area of 2635 Sq., ft., along with on car parking slot in the basement area, together with proportionate share in Common area such as passage, lobbies, lift staircases and other areas of common use, including the floors, ceiling and walls between apartment jointly belonging to Such other apartment owners equally.

A. P. Law Associates
No. 1642/28, 3rd Main 1st Cross Ramamohanpuram Near Srirampura Metro Station, (Behind Devaiah Park) Bengaluru-560021
Mob:- 7975989897/9844378777
Place: Bengaluru Date: 22.06.2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, **Sharadamma,** residing at 51/201, Sree Balaji Nilaya, 1st Cross, Simhadri Layout, Uttarahalli Main Road, Bangalore-62, I here by inform that I have lost the Sale deed No. **KRI-1-25139/2003-04 CD No. KRID6 dt. 24-02-2004.** In this regard I registered online complaint at crime branch BangaloreCity Police Station of lost above said sale deed, lost report No **1051435/2024 dt. 14-5-2024** It is requested to general public that any person finding the said documents may kindly handover the said documents to the undersigned at the above mentioned address **within 7 days** from the date of issue of the Public Notice. If anybody find the above said documents, **please handover the above said address or contact 9845350686**

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client Smt. Shwetha. G., and Sri Gollapuram Subramanyam, are the absolute joint owners of the site property, more fully described in the Schedule, having acquired through a Sale Deed dated 19/02/2018 registered as No.YAN-1-08832-2017-18 dated 19/02/2018 and stored in CD No. YAND657. But, my clients have irretrievably lost the original of the previous Sale Deed dated 23/11/2007 by Sri S. Somashekar to Sri Anandababu, registered in the Office of Sub Registrar, Yelahanka as No. YAN-1-02342-2007-08 and stored in CD No. YAND298

My clients have lodged a E-Lost complaint Report with Karnataka State police on 19/06/2024, in this regard.

If anyone finds the above document, or if anyone is having this document in their custody, the same may be handed over to the undersigned within **Fifteen days** from the date of this Public Notice. If any person or persons or financial institution or Bank has any claim over the schedule property or any person or persons claim any right, title or interest, over the schedule property, the same may be lodged with the undersigned within **Fifteen days** from today, along with relevant claim documents, failing which, it will be presumed that the schedule property is free from any such claim and any claim received thereafter will not bind my clients or their mortgagees or subsequent purchasers, and would not be considered by my client or subsequent transferees.

SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel of the Northern portion of the Site No.50, Old Khatha No. 733/966/1665/50, New Khatha No.1105/733/966/1665/50/1, situated at Maruthi Nagar (Venkatala), Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring E-W : 40' and N-S : 15', totally 600 Sq.ft., coming under BBMP and bounded on the

East by : Site No. 49
West by : Road
North by : Site No. 48
South by : Remaining portion of Site No. 50

AISHWARYA P. KUMAR, Advocate
A-34, V.K. Residency Shivaram Karanth Road, Opp. Chikkallasandra Bus Stand, Chikkallasandra, Bangalore – 560 061
Mob : 9620301936
Bangalore Dated: 22/06/2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients are negotiating for the purchase of dry land bearing Survey Number 95/2 measuring 22 Guntas, situated at Amani Doddakere Village, Kasaba Hobli, Hosakote Taluk which is more fully described in the Schedule below and hereinafter referred to as "Schedule Property", owned by Sri.Manjunath H G, s/o late H. C. Govindaraju, Aadhar No.2965 1337 6869, residing at #105, 5th Cross, T G extension, Hosakote Town, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District-562114.

Any person or persons asserting any rights, title, interest or claim in the Schedule Property or any part thereof in any manner or having any claim against the Schedule Property or the documents thereof or against the Owners or objecting to such sale in favour of my clients, should write to the undersigned within **Seven (07) days** of the issuance of this Public Notice with all documentary proof on which they are basing and asserting their rights with regards to the Schedule Property or any part thereof, after which period my clients shall proceed on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regards to the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Survey No.95/2 measuring 0-22 Guntas, situated at Amanidoddakere Village, Kasaba Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, bounded on the **East by:** Kaluve, **West by:** Amanidoddakre Lake Katte/Old National Highway, **North by:** Land in Sy.No.95/1 and **South by:** Land in Sy.No.96/1.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that, my client **Smt. V. Madavi,** W/o. S. Madhuhandra, D/o. Late N. Venkataravanappa, aged about 37 years, represented by her GPA holder Smt. V. Kanyakumari, W/o. Late N. Venkataravanappa, aged about 58 years, both are residents of ward No.7, 'Chowdeshwari Nilaya', Ashwini Extension, Near Gayathri Floor Mill, Delhi Public School Road, Chintamani-563 125, Chikkaballapura District, intends to purchase the immovable property more particularly described in the schedule hereunder, referred to hereunder as "Schedule Property" from its present owners (1) Smt. Shashikala, W/o. Late Subramani, aged about 57 years, (2) Sri. Kiran, S/o. Late Subramani, aged about 37 years, (3) Sri. Harshith, S/o. Late Subramani, aged about 35 years, all are residents of Sriramapura Village, Muneshwara Main Road, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Talk, who have represented to my client that they are the sole and absolute owners of the schedule property having unrestricted rights of alienation over the same. It is further represented that no rights or encumbrances have been created by the Owners in favour of any third party in relation to the schedule property. Notice is hereby given to the general public that if any person, entity, company, firm, institution (corporate or otherwise) has or claims any right, title, interest, pending litigation, tenancy, mortgage, charge, lien or demand or any other interest of whatsoever nature in or upon the schedule property or any part thereof, the same may be brought to the notice of the undersigned in writing together with all details and documents in support of such claim **within 7 (seven) days** from the date of this Notice, failing which, it shall be deemed that the aforesaid owner has a clear and marketable title to the schedule property and that none else has any right, title, interest or claim whatsoever in respect of the schedule property and my client would be at liberty to proceed to enter into and complete the intended transaction of sale or purchase of the schedule property. Any objections and/or claims received after the expiry of the period mentioned above shall neither be entertained nor be binding on my client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Sy.No.5, measuring East to West 32 feet and North to South 60&58 feet, totally measuring 1888 square feet, situated at Sriramapura Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk (northern portion of item No.1 of schedule-B as per the final decree passed in O.S. No.2338/2014 and Block-2 of rough sketch annexed to the final decree) and bounded on: **East by West by North by South by :** Road, Private Property, Devamma & Ambika's property, Remaining portion of the property i.e., southern portion of item No.1 of schedule-B as per the final decree passed in O.S. No.2338/2014 and Block-2 of rough sketch annexed to the final decree.

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APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to rule 8 (6) & 9 (1)] SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) & 9 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s), Co-Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) as per column (iii) that the below described immovable properties as per column (iv) mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Formerly known as IDFC Bank Ltd, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 23-Jul-2024 as described hereunder, for the recovery of amount due to IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (Formerly known as IDFC Bank Ltd) from Borrower (s) and Co-Borrower (s) as per column (i).

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided on IDFC FIRST Bank website i.e. www.idfcfirstbank.com.

S. NO	(I) Demand Notice Amount	(ii) Agreement ID	(iii) Name of Borrower (s), Co-Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s)	(iv) MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS	(v) Reserve Price Amount	(vi) EMD Amount	(vii) Date and Time of Auction	(viii) Date and Time of EMD Auction	(ix) Date and Time of Inspection	(x) Authorized Officer Name & Contact Number
1	INR 21686375.13/- Demand Notice dated: 29-Nov-2018	9859840, 9775524 & 12989735	Vijaya Hospital, Rajeeva Lochan Doraiswamy & Roopa Lakshmi Mundkursrinivasarao	No.120,Doremane,5Th Cross 1St Block,Hmt Lay Out,Near 8Th Mile, Nagasandra,Bangalore-560073.	INR 27659200.00/-	INR 2765920.00/-	23-Jul-2024 11.00 AM to 1.00 PM	22-Jul-2024 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM	16-Jul-2024 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Name- Preeti Toshniwal Contact Number- 9694702013 Name- Samson Castelino Contact Number- 9663456354

Disclaimer: Please note that the said notice is issued for sale of immovable property only and IDFC FIRST Bank Limited has no right to sale of the movable assets, if any, present at the immovable property.

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
IDFC FIRST Bank Limited
(Formerly known as IDFC Bank Ltd)

Date: 23.06.2024

26,79,014 number of companies registered as of April 30, 2024, of which 64% are active. There is a rise of 0.11% in proportion of active companies in March 2024, as per corporate affairs ministry data.

SUNSET CLAUSE FOR ANTI-PROFITEERING UNDER GST REGIME

April 1, 2025 fixed as sunset date; cases to be shifted from CCI to GSTAT

CHANGES IN GST RATES

A uniform rate of **5%** IGST will apply to imports of 'parts, components, testing equipment, tools and tool-kits of aircrafts, irrespective of their HS classification to provide a fillip to maintenance, repair & overhaul (MRO) activities subject to specified conditions

GST rate on 'carton, boxes and cases of both corrugated and non-corrugated paper or paper-board' (HS **4819 10; 4819 20**) to be reduced from

18% TO 12%

All milk cans (of steel, iron and aluminium) irrespective of their use will attract

12% GST

All solar cookers, whether single or dual energy source, will attract

12% TAX

To amend existing entry covering poultry keeping machinery attracting **12%** GST to specifically incorporate "parts of Poultry keeping Machinery" and to regularise past practice on 'as is where is' basis in view of genuine interpretational issues

TAX RELIEF

Items	Before GST	After GST
Flour (atta)	3.50%	0%
Sanitary napkins	12%	0%
Ayurvedic medicines (unbranded)	12%	5%
Honey	6%	0%
Curry paste	18%	12%
Detergent	28%	18%
Gas lighters	28%	18%
Television	28%	18%
Fan & water cooler	31.30%	18%
Furniture	31.30%	18%

In an effort to dispel the myth that GST has made the life difficult for the common man, the finance ministry released data comparing taxes on several goods and services before GST and after GST, showing lower tax rates under the new indirect tax regime

MONIKA YADAV @ New Delhi

THE GST Council in its 53rd meeting under the Chairmanship of finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Saturday proposed major relief to taxpayers by recommending sunset clause for the anti-profiteering provisions. It recommended that starting April 1, 2025, no new applications regarding anti-profiteering would be accepted by Competition Commission of India (CCI). Meanwhile, the Council also proposed that anti-profiteering cases would be shifted to the GST Appellate Tribunal (GSTAT) from the CCI.

Revenue Secretary Sanjay Malhotra during the press conference clarified, "The sunset date is April 1, 2025. However, the cases which have already been registered will continue to be heard and they will be decided. The other decision taken in this regard is shift of the hearing of these cases from the CCI to the principal the GSTAT when it is functional.

Appreciating the Council's decision on anti-profiteering, Pratik Jain, Partner with Price Waterhouse & Co LLP, said, "In view of anti-profiteering provisions in existence, there was always a possibility of a dispute in case of price increase by industry, even though it was because of rise in costs or market dynamics. Since it has been about 7 years of GST implementation, ideally pricing should be determined by market forces and not by law. Hence, a sunset clause is a welcome step."

The Council proposed rules about how to calculate the value of services involving corporate guarantees between related parties and a circular will be issued in this regard. This change is effective from October 26, 2023, and they clarified that there won't be any tax when these services are exported or when the recipient can claim full input tax credit.

"Interestingly, with respect to GST applicability on corporate guarantee, the Council has taken the view that there will be exemption when the goods and services are subject to tax. In other words, the Council has taken the view that there will not be any applicable tax, when the credit of the tax on corporate guarantee would be utilised against the output liability. As a corollary, there will be tax cascading due to the applicability of GST on corporate guarantee," explained Abhishek A Rastogi, founder of Rastogi Chambers, who is addressing this issue for the tax payers before various forums.

"The other disputed aspect is that the Council intends to create two classes for taxing the corporate guarantee, first when the goods and services are subject to tax and the other when these goods and services are not subject to tax. The challenge with respect to corporate guarantee before the jurisdictional courts is expected to continue based on lack of intelligible differentia," stated Rastogi.

Further, in a bid to reduce litigation, the Council recommended monetary limits, subject to certain exclusions, for filing appeals in GST cases before different courts. The proposed limits are: ₹20 lakhs for GSTAT, ₹1 crore for the High Court, and ₹2 crore for the Supreme Court. The Council also recommended reducing the amount of pre-deposit for filing of appeals under GST to ease cash flow and working capital blockage for the taxpayers. The maximum amount for filing appeal with the appellate authority has been reduced from ₹25 crore (CGST) and Rs 25 crores (SGST) to ₹20 crore (CGST) and ₹20 crore (SGST). Further, the amount of pre-deposit for filing appeal with the Appellate Tribunal has been reduced from 20% with a maximum amount of ₹50 crore CGST and ₹50 crore SGST to 10 % with a maximum of ₹20 crore CGST and ₹20 crore SGST.

Krishan Arora, Partner, Grant Thornton Bharat, said, "In its endeavour to streamline the litigation process under GST, the Council introduced a new monetary limit for filing appeals by the tax department up to the Supreme Court. Additionally, the maximum amount for pre-deposit required to file an appeal before the appellate authority and Tribunal has been reduced, with prospective application. An amendment in the law will now provide that the time limit for filing appeals before the tribunal will commence from the date of government notification."

Sitharaman expressed the Centre's desire to bring petrol and diesel under GST. She mentioned that the original intention of GST, introduced by former finance minister Arun Jaitley, was to include petrol and diesel. However, she emphasised that it is ultimately up to the states to collaborate and make the decision to bring petrol and diesel under GST. The Centre's stance is clear - they aim to incorporate petrol and diesel into the GST framework, she said.

Sitharaman during the conference also said there are eleven new ministers in the GST Council. "So Andhra Pradesh has a new minister, Bihar, Chattisgarh, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram, Odisha, Rajashtan, Sikkim, Telangana and Tripura have new ministers," she said.

The Council also proposed waiver of interest and penalties on demand notices issued under Section 73 for the financial years 2017-18, 2018-19, and 2019-20, applicable if the tax is fully paid by March 2025. The Council also proposed extending the time limit to avail input tax credit for invoices or debit notes for financial years up till 2020-21 for any GSTR-3B return filed until November 30, 2021, with a retrospective amendment effective from July 1, 2017.

They recommended amending the CGST Act to reflect this change. Additionally, the Council suggested reducing the Tax Collected at Source (TCS) rate for Electronic Commerce Operators (ECOs) from 1% to 0.5% to help lessen the financial load on suppliers using these platforms. Besides this, the GST Council also proposed a uniform GST rate of 12% on all types of milk cans, regardless of their material (steel, iron, or aluminum) based on their standard shape designed specifically for milk storage.

NEWSCOPE

'SLAVE LABOUR' EXPORTS FROM INDIA MUST STOP

GURBIR SINGH

THE story of insensitive governments and a brutal labour trafficking international order is being repeated ad nauseum. Some clucking noises are made when there are body bags. Then it is business as usual.

In recent days, there has again been a spate of tragedies.On 12 June, 45 Indians, mostly from Tamil Nadu and Kerala, were among those killed in a fire in a residential building in the Kuwaiti city of Mangaf. Lodged in an overcrowded conditions, most of the workers died not being able to escape the fumes as the terrace was locked. Minister of state V K Singh posing with the returning coffins on board an IAF aircraft, only heighted the bitterness of these deaths.

Around the same time, two Indian nationals - Hemil Mangukiya of Surat, and Mohammad Asfan from Hyderabad, hired as helpers for the Russian Army, were killed in the Ukraine fighting. Hundreds of Indians have been lured into seemingly peacetime jobs in Russia, and then forced to undergo army training and fight on the frontline.

In another tragic case a few days ago, a farm labourer, Satnam Singh, died after he was left unattended with a severed arm on the way side in Latina, Italy. Latina, a rural area south of Rome, is home to tens of thousands of Indian migrant workers. Italy's labour minister Marina Caderone, speaking in Parliament, described the incident as an "act of barbarity", but offered little hope to the racist exploitation of Indians in these farms.

The Indian government is aware of the gravity of the situation. Take the killing fields in Ukraine. Reports first emerged in February and March of a few Indians killed fighting for the Russian Army. The Indian government went public warning the Russian ambassador to stop mercenary recruitment in India.

The deaths have happened again, and this round the Indian government response has been sharp.In a press note, India has "demanded that there be a verified stop to any further recruitment of our nationals by the Russian Army" since "such activities would not be in consonance with our partnership."

But these seem to be crocodile tears. It is an open secret the recruitment for Russia's Ukraine war is being carried out by ruthless agents using public advertising and with functioning offices in India. If the government wanted it, these 'slave' shops can be shut and the human traffickersarrested in a jiffy.

It is also hard to believe that the strict policing network in West Asian and Arab countries are not aware of the slave-labour conditions of Indian workers. Cheap imported labour has become an intrinsic part of their economy.

Institutional trafficking

More serious is the institutional trafficking of Indian labour to conflict zones. Sample this: Israel, stopped giving work permits to Palestinians who worked in construction and other menial jobs after the October 7 conflagration. Facing a severe labour shortage, Israel turned to other markets, including India.

The death in March of a Kerala worker, Pat Niben Maxwell, in a Hezbollah attack in the Margialot region, near the Lebanon border, should have alerted Indian authorities against allowing Indiansto work in Israel's war zones. Instead, the government allowed Israel's Population, Immigration and Border Authority to hold recruitment camps in UP, Haryana and Telangana and recruit over 10,000 youth for jobs in Israel.

Supporting the Israeli cause – the recruitment of nearly a lakh of Indian workers – has been National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC). The irony is the Indian government has been claiming credit for generating these jobs, with recruitment centers adorned with pictures of the Indian Prime Minister! Given the danger awaiting, how is there state support for the transfer of Indian workers to war sones?

Global protection code

Despite the government's claims to the contrary, high unemployment and various forms of discrimination has fueled a large number of Indians exiting the country for greener pastures. A Ministry of External Affairs report says there are 29 million NRIs and persons of Indian origin (PIOs) residing outside India, the world's largest overseas diaspora. Every year 2.5 million Indians migrate – the highest annual number of migrants in the world.

It is therefore time the government rises to the occasion and sets up watchdogs to ensure those leaving the country have not been snared by human traffickers. Even after they leave Indian shores, there must be government monitoring, especially the condition of casual workers.

It is also obvious the international community has failed to tackle the gargantuan problem of cross border migration. People everywhere are fleeing hunger, unemployment and discrimination.

More than 10,000 people enter the US every day from its porous southern borders. Thousands make dangerous journeys crossing the Mediterranean Sea from Africa to Europe looking for a better life.

When this can't be stopped, the international community must regulateconditions and save lives. Perhaps, the biggest shame the world carries is the thousands of deaths of African and Asian workers who constructed football stadia during the 13 years after Qatar was awarded the FIFA World Cup 2022 venue.

The Indian foreign ministry admits about 2,400 Indians too perished between 2014 and 2021. These workers died of heat exposure, dehydration and neglect. How many tragedies will we need to work up a conscience?

PUBLIC ISSUE

Durlax IPO subscribed more than 161 times

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

SOLID surface manufacturer Durlax Top Surface's initial public offer (IPO) to raise ₹40.80 crore has been oversubscribed nearly 161 times, the company said on Saturday.

As per the exchange data, the IPO received bids for 87 crore shares against 60 lakh shares on offer, Durlax Top Surface said in a statement. Non-institutional investor category received the highest interest among investors and was subscribed over 415 times. Bids for 35.52 crore shares were received against 8.56 lakh shares on offer. Retail segment was subscribed 202 times and the qualified investor segment was subscribed over 48 times.

The shares will be listed on the NSE SME platform, Emerge, on June 26. It had fixed price band at ₹65-68 per share for the issue which was open for subscription from June 19-21, it added. The IPO comprises of a fresh issue of 42 lakh shares of ₹28.56 crore and an offer for sale of 18 lakh shares of ₹12.24 crore. Of the fresh issue of ₹28.56 crore, it plans to utilise ₹17.50 crore to part finance working capital requirements and ₹6 crore towards general corporate purposes. Promoters including Shravan Suthar and Lalit Suthar hold about 95% stake.

Saudi Aramco Chairman reappointed independent director on RIL board

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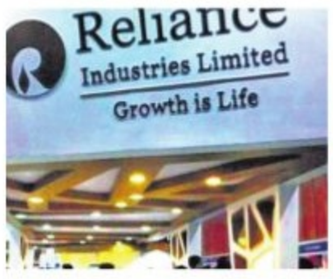

THE majority of shareholders of Reliance Industries (RIL) have approved the reappointment of Saudi Aramco Chairman Yasir Othman H Al-Rumayyan as an independent director on the company's board for five years. However, over 16% shareholders voted against the proposal.

The shareholders through a postal ballot approved reappointment of Al Rumayyan as well as appointment of Haigreve Khaitan as independent directors on the board, RIL said in a stock exchange filing. They approved reappointment of long-time company executive P M S Prasad as a director for another 5 years. The resolution for reappointment of Al Rumayyan was carried with 83.97% voting in favour of the resolution. About 16.02% voted against it, the filing showed.

Al-Rumayyan, who also heads Saudi Arabia's Public Investment Fund - among the largest sovereign wealth funds in the world, was first appointed on RIL board in 2021 for a three-year term. His first term ends on July 18, 2024. And now he has been reappointed till July 18, 2029.

Khaitan, partner in Khaitan & Co, was appointed as independent director for five years starting April 1, 2024. But the resolution for his appointment too saw nearly 13% shareholders voting against it.

Nearly 87.15% shareholders voted in favour of his appointment, the filing showed. He has been brought in to provide legal heft to the board. Late M L Bhakta, founding partner of Kanga & Co, was the last legal luminary on RIK board, serving for 42 years till he stepped down due to his advancing age in 2019.

RIL has not had any legal professional as a member on its board since 2019, the shareholder resolution said. "Considering the size and complexity of operations of the company and evolving global and local regulatory landscape particularly in consumer and technology businesses, (it was) thought fit that induction of a vastly experienced senior legal professional as a member of the Board of Directors of the company would be in the interest of the company."

CLW manufactured first 100 locos in 50 working days in 2024-25

CLW has manufactured first 100 locos in 50 working days in the financial year 2024-25, which is the fastest first 100 locos produced in any fiscal year. The 100th electric locomotive of 2024-25 was rolled out on 30.05.2024 from CLW workshop. This remarkable accomplishment was achieved in a record 50 working days, marking the fastest production rate in any fiscal year. It is mentioned here that, for this financial year 2024-25, CLW has been given production target of 700 locomotives. Shri Hitendra Malhotra, General Manager congratulated the entire 'Team CLW' for this remarkable achievement.

UCO Bank celebrates 1-year of leadership under Ashwani Kumar

On the occasion of completing one year under leadership of MD & CEO Ashwani Kumar, UCO Bank, announces launch of a basket of innovative deposit and digital products. This launch marks a major milestone in UCO Bank's commitment to digital banking solutions and enhancing customer experience. It announced the launch of "PINK BASKET," a suite of new deposit products designed for women. This marks a major milestone to empower women and providing them tailored financial solutions. Through these we reaffirm our commitment to digitizing banking experience and supporting customers with innovative digital products.

Business & Beyond

OPaL Triumphs with Prestigious Export Excellence Award for Third Consecutive Year

OPaL (ONGC Petro additions Limited) has proudly achieved a distinguished milestone by securing the highest recognition, the "Export Excellence Award" for FY'21-22 and 22-23 from the Plastic Exports Promotion Council (PLEXCONCIL). This esteemed award, endorsed by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, was presented to Team OPaL by the Honorable Governor of Maharashtra, Shri Ramesh Bais, at PLEXCONCIL's event held in Mumbai on June 7th, 2024. This accolade marks the third consecutive fiscal year that OPaL has received the Export Excellence Award, having previously won it for FY'20-21.

Sh. Neeraj Kumar, DGM-Marketing & **Sh. Utsav Parikh,** Manager-Marketing receiving the award from the Governor of Maharashtra.

Goa Shipyard signs contract for construction of NextGeneration TSH Dredgers

Goa Shipyard signed a contract with Jan De Nul Group, Luxemburg, for construction of next generation of trailing suction hopper dredgers. The vessel is designed as a plug-in hybrid with a potential of up to 4 hours autonomy in first instance and is designed to operate in small harbours. With its 79 metershull length, the new vessel hasa hopper capacity of 2000 cubic meter. The contract is for one vessel, with a delivery period of 24 months for the first ship, having an optionto constructa second sister vessel.

GRSE signs $16.6 mn contract to supply dredger to Bangladesh

Kolkata: Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd. signed a significant contract with the Bangladesh Inland Waterways Transport Authority (BIWTA), to build a Trailing Suction Hopper Dredger for Government of Bangladesh. The contract, valued at $16.6 million, was signed on 02 June 2024, in Dhaka, Bangladesh in the presence of Director (Shipbuilding), GRSE, Cdr. Shantanu Bose, IN (Retd.), representatives from BIWTA, and senior officials from both GRSE and BIWTA. This agreement marks another milestone in GRSE's ongoing commitment to fostering international cooperation and delivering high-quality maritime solutions. Under this contract, GRSE will supply a state-of-the-art Trailing Suction Hopper Dredger (TSHD) with a hopper capacity of 1000 cubic meters. The 58.70 M long TSHD with a speed of 10 knots will feature Azimuth Thruster propulsion, ensuring superior performance and maneuverability.

McLaren's Norris on pole for Spanish Grand Prix

McLaren's Lando Norris produced a spellbinding late lap to deprive Max Verstappen of pole for the Spanish Grand Prix in qualifying on Saturday Lewis Hamilton will start on the second row alongside his Mercedes teammate George Russell. Verstappen looked nailed on to start Sunday's 10th round of the season from the front of the grid.

Refugee Olympic Team chef de mission Masomah opens up to *Indraneel Das* about how sport gives them an opportunity to forget about strife, stay healthy and integrate with the society...

ALL FOR ONE, ONE FOR ALL

All refugees face difficulties. It can be different from person to person and it also depends on the host country. In general, most of the difficulties and challenges are due to a lot of paperwork. When we arrive in a new country, we have to wait for papers and it's a long time. During this period we cannot do anything – Masomah Ali Zada, Refugee Olympic team chef de mission

THEY don't represent a country because they don't have one right now. They are of different religions, ethnicities and colours. They are displaced individuals trying to get a grip on their lives festered by violence, pain and death. Uprooted from their place of birth, they are left without an identity, the very fabric that binds all humans. Forced to settle on alien land, marginalised and scoured at, they look for something to live with, a semblance of normalcy. In sport, they have found just that.

The International Olympic Committee's Refugee Olympic Team has been a symbol of resilience and hope.

Thirty-six faces representing more than 120 million displaced people across the world. The IOC fielded a refugee team for the first time at the Rio Olympics (10 athletes) and followed it up at the Tokyo Games (29 athletes). For a refugee, pursuing sport is often the last thing on their mind. Yet between enduring hardships, endless paperwork and unending waits, these athletes have found time to play and forget their strife and loneliness for a while.

No one has seen this turmoil as up close as Masomah Ali Zada. Born in Afghanistan, she was forced to spend her childhood in Iran. There is a story of neglect behind her new name too. Masomah narrates how it was not the name she was given when she was born in Afghanistan. "I was born during a period of war, and I lived with my uncles. Every year, a girl child was being born in the family. So they called me by a name that meant "this girl child is enough." So when she was forced to live in Iran, "there, they said it was not a good name and changed it to Masomah". After she returned to Afghanistan (from Iran) where she started pursuing her passion — cycling — she was harassed and threatened by the Taliban government.

Yet she never forgot to dream. She trained even while she was getting teased and stoned in Afghanistan. She never gave up after she sought asylum in France. She represented the Refugee Team at the Tokyo Olympics and this time she is the chef de mission. Masomah, during a virtual interaction with this daily from Paris, explains the challenges a refugee faces in a new host country. "All refugees face difficulties. It can be different from person to person and it also depends on the host country. In general, most of the difficulties and challenges are due to a lot of paperwork..."

Sunday Special

Sometimes these long waits can be torturous. At the same time, it offers an opportunity too. Like sport. "It's the only possibility that helps refugees to just pass the time and wait. Most refugees in this period try to play a sport, also to remain healthy, mentally and physically."

At the same time, they have to think about their families back home. "We have our families who are still in our country and we miss them and would like to help them," she said. "Amid all these challenges, we arrive in a new country where there is no one to help. For myself, there was a French community that helped." As the chef de mission, there are responsibilities too. "It is a big responsibility. At the same time, it's an honour. It will be an occasion for me to share my experience with them, to support them and to lead them."

Masomah feels that she likes to help people, through sharing her experience and journey. "I would like to encourage the (refugee) community and also tell the host community to allow them to show their talent, to integrate them with your country and help them to progress in their host countries," she said. "They have a lot of talent. They just need a chance. I know that it's really difficult to be a refugee, but still, we have to keep going... They show the resilience, they work hard and they try to integrate with the society."

Masomah along with refugee athletes at Terrains d'Avenir programme in Paris | IOC

Masomah also speaks about meeting the team. "I am so lucky to be chef the mission of a team that's from a different culture, speaks different languages," she said. "I suffered a lot of discrimination because of my nation and of my ethnicity. I saw them on TV and know that we are from different countries. The Olympic Games is the moment that they will realise their dream." According to the IOC, the 36 athletes are hosted by 15 National Olympic Committees (NOCs) and will be competing across 12 sports.

Masomah also speaks about a project she saw up close on Wednesday — the Terrains d'Avenir programme in Paris. "Last night I played handball with the refugee women. And there was this woman from Sri Lanka. She was 66 years old but healthy and always laughing. She played with us and can't speak French. But still we could play with each other, share our experiences and for that one hour, we forgot all our problems as refugees. They are alone in their host country and their families in their own country. We feel lonely. Through sport, we can try and communicate with others. At the same time, playing sport helps us mentally as we know we are not alone in this situation. Last night's (Tuesday) event was really interesting for me. I saw the refugee women that were from different countries and it was the moment that they played with each other and enjoyed themselves."

While speaking about Afghanistan, she hoped things would change for women. "The situation in Afghanistan is not fair for women. We wish that this will change. It's a wish and dream for all of us, and especially for women of Afghanistan."

Her words might have all been about difficulties and unrealised dreams but one thing always shines through - sport's power to heal!

Indian openers set tempo, team on the verge of semis

GOMESH S @Chennai

INDIA took a huge step towards advancing to the semifinals of the T20 World Cup with a clinical display over Bangladesh. If Australia beats Afghanistan early on Sunday (IST), both India and Australia will advance to the last four.

In Antigua early on Saturday, India hardly gave Bangladesh a sniff. After being asked to bat — something Rohit Sharma was going to do anyway — India posted 196, their biggest total so far of the 2024 edition. In response, Bangladesh could only manage 146/8, with all of the usual suspects picking up at least a wicket. Kuldeep Yadav was the pick of the bowlers with 3/19 but both Jasprit Bumrah (2/13) and Arshdeep Singh (2/30) also excelling.

Crucially, both Rohit and Virat Kohli also showed glimpses with a first-wicket partnership which took the game away from their neighbours.

When both of them walked to the centre, they knew what was coming. A trial by spin. It wasn't a surprise as the opponents opened with Mehidy Hasan Miraz and Shakib Al Hasan. As much as they might not necessarily admit them publicly, they had been around long enough to know their strengths and weaknesses. They knew they could not go into a shell, a possibility. And there was only one way for them to survive without ceding any ground: attack. Attack, come what may.

That is exactly what Rohit did off the very first delivery. His first shot was a lofted drive off a flighted Miraz delivery. Four balls later, he went for it again. This time the ball took the top-edge off a slog sweep and ran to the ropes behind the keeper. In the next over it only got better; Rohit went after the more experienced spinner, Shakib. Another slog sweep, this time a well-timed one, for a boundary.

Now, one expected this from Rohit. That is how he has been batting for the last 18 months. Kohli, on the other hand, has been India's anchor. This time, opening the batting, he has had to play a different role with little success. There was a question of whether he would once again go back to his roots and accumulate runs.

Kohli wasted little time in lofting Shakib into the stands. It forced Shanto to turn to Tanzim Hasan Sakib and Kohli flicked the pacer for a boundary. Shakib continued from the other end, but Rohit did what he had been doing; went for his shots to pick up a four and six in the first three balls before getting out on the fourth. Kohli finished the powerplay with a six off Mustafizur Rahman. Three overs of pace and as many overs of spin, and India had scored 53/1 in six overs.

Kohli would get out to Tanzim eventually but that did not have much of an impact. Rohit and Kohli had stuck to the plans and set the tone. **Brief scores:** India 196/5 in 20 ovs (Hardik 50 n.o, Kohli 37, Rohit 23) **bt** Bangladesh 146/8 in 20 ovs (Shanto 40; Kuldeep 3/19, Bumrah 2/13)

Rohit Sharma & Virat Kohli (R) during the match against Bangladesh | AP

The business end is here

THE SEMIFINALISTS FROM GROUP 2 WILL BE DECIDED ON SUNDAY. A LOOK...

CRUNCH CLASH FOR ENGLAND

After bungling the chase against South Africa, all England need to do is beat US convincingly. Unless South Africa lose by the barest of margins to keep their net run-rates above England, the defending champions will be through to the semis.

PROTEAS FACE LITMUS TEST

Despite winning all their games so far, a loss could be it for South Africa. But the advantage both Windies and SA will have is that they will know exactly what needs to happen for semifinal qualification. At this point, both teams need a win, but it could yet come down to net run-rate.

Today's games England vs United States of America, 8 PM; West Indies vs South Africa, 6 AM (Monday) — Live on Star Sports & Hotstar

ICC MEN'S T20 WORLD CUP WEST INDIES & USA 2024 JUNE 1-29 — AMERICAN EXPEDITION

T20WC ROUND-UP

West Indies' Shai Hope hits a six as USA's Andries Gous (L) looks on during their Super 8s tie in Barbados on Saturday | AFP

West Indies crush USA by 9 wickets

BRIDGETOWN: The T20 World Cup co-hosts West Indies crushed United States of America by nine wickets in their Group 2 Super Eight match here. After restricting the USA for a mere 128 in 19.5 overs with Andre Russell (3/31) and Roston Chase (3/19) causing the maximum damage, the USA knocked off the target in 10.5 overs to make 130 for one. Shai Hope blasted eight sixes and four boundaries to make 82 not out from a mere 39 balls, while Nicholas Pooran blasted three sixes and a four to reach 27 not out off 13 balls. **Brief scores:** USA 128 in 19.5 ovs (Gous 29; Russell 3/31, Chase 3/19) lost to West Indies 130/1 in 10.5 ovs (Hope 82*, Pooran 27 n.o).

ODI SERIES

Chance for India to add gloss to victory

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THE high-scoring second ODI between India and South Africa was a great advertisement for the format. In a match that produced close to 650 runs and four centuries, Pooja Vastrakar's calmness helped India over the line. With the series in the bag, the hosts have the chance to post their first series clean sweep on the home soil since 2019.

Given India have qualified for the ODI World Cup in 2025 as the hosts and are not dependent on the points table of the ICC Women's ODI Championship, there is a scope for India to try out a few permutations and combinations in the final tie. So far, India have handed debuts to leg spinner Asha Sobhana and pacer Arundhati Reddy. While Asha took second-best figures for an Indian bowler on debut (4/21), Reddy was sensational with the new ball in the second fixture. The likes of Shreyanka Patil and Saika Ishaque (both made their debut against Australia earlier this year) could get slotted in to gain valuable experience ahead of the home World Cup next year.

India vs South Africa, Bengaluru | *Live on JioCinema & Sports18 from 1.30 PM*

Peru and Chile play out drab stalemate in Copa

AFP @Arlington

TWO-TIME Copa America champions Chile opened their bid for a third title with a hard-fought 0-0 draw against Peru in Arlington on Friday. A scrappy encounter at the Texas home of the Dallas Cowboys NFL team saw neither side manage to get on top before a result that boosts Argentina's hopes of winning Group A.

Chile were left ruing a golden missed chance from veteran Inter Milan forward Alexis Sanchez in the 16th minute.

Sanchez, one of the heroes of Chile's back-to-back Copa America victories in 2015 and 2016, was teed up in the six-yard box after a low pass from Victor Davila. But with plenty of time and space, the 35-year-old somehow scooped his shot over the bar as Peru were given a huge let-off. "I had one or two chances and this is the Copa América — when you have a chance you have to make it," Sanchez said afterwards.

Despite his frustration in front of goal, Sanchez insisted Chile were satisfied with their display. "The feeling is good. I am happy with the performance. I am excited."

Peru and Chile players vie for the ball during their clash on Friday | AP

SUNDAY'S MATCHES: US vs Bolivia (3.30 AM on Monday), Uruguay vs Panama (6.30 AM on Monday).

Portugal ease past Turkiye, advance to Round of 16

AFP @Dortmund

PORTUGAL swept into the last 16 of Euro 2024 on Saturday after comfortably seeing off Turkey 3-0 and guaranteeing first place in Group F.

Bernardo Silva's fine finish in the 21st minute, a comical Samet Akaydin own goal shortly afterwards and Bruno Fernandes' second-half tap-in gave Portugal a straightforward win in front of swathes of passionate Turkish fans in Dortmund.

Portugal looked every inch a team aiming to win their second European Championship after triumphing in 2016, their star-studded line-up easily dealing with Vincenzo Montella's enthusiastic but limited Turkey team.

Cristiano Ronaldo will have at least two more tries to become the oldest goalscorer at a European Championship as Martinez said on Friday that the 39-year-old is in the right shape to play every four days.

A pitch invader takes a selfie with Cristiano Ronaldo during the match | AP

TODAY'S MATCHES

ALL TO PLAY FOR

The third matchday of the Euros signals the start of a feverish few days as sides face must-win games. A look at the two Group A matches...

LIVE ON SONY SPORTS NETWORK

- Both Germany and Switzerland have qualified safely but a win here will, in theory, give the winners an easier clash in the Round of 16.
- Hungary had come in as the darkhorses but are now on the brink. Scotland know a win will almost guarantee them progress as one of the best third-placed teams.

Switzerland vs Germany / Scotland vs Hungary (12.30 AM on Monday)

It was Ronaldo who unselfishly set up Fernandes for a simple goal in the 56th minute. Martinez's side will face one of the four best third-place finishers in the next round and go into their final group game against Georgia without any pressure for a result. The same cannot be said for Turkey who need a draw against the Czech Republic. In the other group game, Georgia got their first ever point after a plucky 1-1 draw against the Czechs. The Czechs wasted a whole load of chances before equalising via Patrik Schick.

EVEN-STEVEN

LEIPZIG: France and the Netherlands edged towards the last 16 after a 0-0 draw in Leipzig that failed to catch fire in the absence of Kylian Mbappe. The French captain sat out the whole match from the bench after breaking his nose in France's opening 1-0 win over Austria just four days ago. Xavi Simons had a goal controversially ruled out for the Dutch, while Antoine Griezmann wasted two glorious chances for France.

RESULTS (SATURDAY): Georgia 1-1 Czechia, Portugal 3-0 Turkiye

EXPRESS READ

Nagal confirms Oly qualification

CHENNAI: Indian tennis star Sumit Nagal on Saturday confirmed that he has officially qualified for the men's singles event of the Paris Olympics. "Extremely glad to share that I have officially qualified for the 2024 Paris Olympics. This is a monumental moment for me as the Olympics holds a special place in my heart!," Nagal posted on X.

Hat-trick of gold for women archers

ANTALYA: Indian compound women's archery team of Jyothi Surekha Vennam, Aditi Swami and Parneet Kaur continued their imperious form this season, securing a hat-trick of World Cup gold medals with a win over Estonia in the third stage of the event. The trio beat Estonia's Lisell Jaatma, Meeri-Marita Paas and Maris Tetsmann, 232-229.

Sinner versus Hurkacz in Halle final

HALLE WESTFALEN: Second-seeded German Alexander Zverev fell in straight sets to Pole Hubert Hurkacz in the semifinal of the Halle grass-court tournament on Saturday. Hurkacz won through 7-6 (2), 6-4 in one-hour, 33-minute and will next play World No 1 Jannik Sinner, who beat China's Zhang Zhizhen 6-4, 7-6 (3).

Dressel books Oly berth in 50m free

LOS ANGELES: Caeleb Dressel booked a chance to defend his 50m freestyle Olympic title in Paris with a victory at the US Olympic swimming trials. Dressel, whose five gold medals at the Tokyo Olympics in 2021 included the 50m and 100m free and 100m fly, booked his first individual swim in Paris after missing out with a third-place finish in the 100m free.

The record breaking spell of excess heatwaves created a domino effect and a perfect storm for a series of disasters

VOLCANIC ERUPTION OF HEATWAVES

AC manufacturers are airlifting components like compressors and cross-flow fans/motors to meet the demand. They are being flown in from China, Taiwan, Thailand, Malaysia and Japan

JITENDRA CHOUBEY @ New Delhi

THIS summer has seen among the longest prolonged heatwave periods in India's meteorological history. Soaring temperatures of 45-50°C - some places reported over 50°C - continued for over a month in May and June in the Northwest region. Multiple fire accidents during the same period added to the distress, severely taking its toll on the health and medical infrastructure of the country.

The record breaking spell of excess heatwaves created a domino effect and a perfect storm for a series of disasters. It all began with the massive wildfires in Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh, affecting the quality of air and increasing the heat-trapping greenhouse gases. Frequent incidents of fire in hospitals and high rises followed, leading to unfortunate loss of lives. The demand for electricity to run cooling equipment shot up like never before. And Delhi is witnessing an unprecedented drinking water crisis.

On June 6, Union Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Gauba chaired a meeting of the National Crisis Management Committee to review the preparedness to deal with heatwaves and forest fires. Earlier, on June 2, Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired a meeting on forest fire incidents and directed mitigation efforts with more alacrity.

Rise in fire cases

An unusually long period of severe heatwave made the situation unbearable in the Northwest. Cities recorded an unprecedented rise in fire emergencies. For instance, the Delhi Fire Service has been getting as many as 100-200 SOS calls every day. The only parallel for this level of intensity of calls is during Diwali where cracker accidents keep the fire service department on their toes.

The first 20 days of June this year witnessed a 155% rise in fire SOS calls compared to the same period in Delhi last year. In June 2023, the Delhi Fire Service reported 997 fire calls; the corresponding figure this year is 2,549. Even the loss of lives reported during the same period was double that of the previous year.

Moreover, April and May recorded an increase in fire cases and the number of deaths. Distress calls zoomed, which include animal and bird rescue calls.

"Overloaded electrical outlets increased the strain on the systems significantly, heightening the fire risk. It was responsible for 70% of the residential or commercial complex fires," said Atul Garg, Directorate General Fire Services, Civil Defence and Home Guards, Union home ministry to this newspaper. Besides, there are a number of cases where commercial establishments flout fire safety norms, like the gaming zone blaze in Gujarat's Rajkot that killed 27 weekend revellers and the one at a children's hospital in Delhi where seven babies died. Reports suggest that Delhi witnessed over 66 hospital fires in the past two years.

"Hospitals have a confluence of factors that heighten fire risk," said Keerthi D'Souza, a fire safety auditor with Life Giver Assurance Services, Bengaluru. "High concentrations of oxygen in intensive care units, neonatal intensive care units, and operation rooms create an environment ripe for combustion," she explained.

Additionally, split air conditioners, commonly used in these areas, can malfunction and ignite. "Furthermore, cost concerns may lead hospitals to neglect essential fire safety measures, putting lives at stake," said D'Souza.

According to the latest National Crime Record Bureau data, 7,435 people died in 7,566 fire accidents across the country in 2022. "Rising urban fire is a combination of high temperature, extremely dry conditions and the absence of sufficient green spaces," said Monalisa Sen of ICLEI, which works on urban sustainable development. "Fire cases get further compounded with poor urban planning," Sen added.

The load of the intense heat falls on the air conditioning (AC) system. Compressors in the air conditioners, which are exposed to direct sunlight, have been known to catch fire. For instance, a fire in a garment company in the Delhi-NCR region began at the AC unit from where it quickly spread and triggered an LPG cylinder blast.

"Bursting of AC is because of overheating and overloading," said R Srinivas, a former Town Planner. Direct exposure of the AC to sunlight leads to overheating of condensers, which reduces its efficiency and keeps the room warmer. So, the thermostat doesn't come into play and the AC works longer, leading to overheating and fire accidents, he added.

Urban heat island

The rise in the number of migrant populations in urban areas led to an increase in unplanned urbanisation. Buildings came up in encroached forest areas and water bodies, which are essential for regulating heat in urban areas. For instance, in the 1970s, there were over 200 water bodies in Delhi and its surrounding areas. Now, only 20 such lakes exist. Consequently, cities have turned into urban heat islands where buildings, roads and other infrastructures absorb and re-emit heat, making the urban jungle several degrees hotter than the surrounding rural areas.

"High-rise buildings and the concrete set-up in the cities do not let the excess heat escape at night. As the structures fail to cool down, the heatwave continues into the night. Open green spaces and natural environments with trees can help release the heat faster during the night," said Dr Roxy Mathew Koll, climate scientist at the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology in Pune.

Koll explained that people do not appreciate natural spaces as much as they do skyscrapers. "Add to that some haphazard city planning, poor architecture and unsustainable construction, and the recipe for an urban heat island is complete," said Koll.

The longest streak of heatwaves led to a record power demand in Delhi. The all-time high demand in the Capital this year was of a whopping 8,647 MW. Another record was of Delhi's peak power demand crossing 7,000 MW for the 30th consecutive day.

On the business side, the cooling equipment industry hasn't had it this good in years. Its sales volume has gone up by over 40% this year as compared to last summer. In fact, manufacturers of branded ACs flew in critical parts from abroad to meet the unexpectedly high demand.

However, reports on regular power outages from various parts of Delhi-NCR added to the people's misery. It increased the health risk to children and the elderly.

The current drinking water crisis in the Capital and its surrounding areas, with the Delhi government accusing Haryana of less supply of water, pushed the city to its brink.

Health emergency

Recent visuals of unclaimed bodies bound in white and polybags strewn outside hospitals in Delhi-NCR due to lack of space in mortuaries captured the plight of the marginalised lot. Reports suggest that the relentless spell of heatwaves claimed multiple lives of the destitute and the homeless. The videos went viral on social media and evoked strong reactions.

However, the official heatwave toll compiled from across the country recently stood at just 143, while only around 42,000 people suffered from heat stroke between March 1 and June 20. But experts are not convinced the data captures the actual situation on the ground.

For example, the Centre for Holistic Development, a Delhi-based non-profit, claimed that 278 homeless people have been found dead on Delhi-NCR streets this month alone till June 19 due to severe heatwaves.

Delhi's largest crematorium, Nigambodh Ghat, is busier than ever. The average cremation count per day is 142, up from 60 before the heatwave. Even during the severe cold wave, the peak daily cremation was 90. Only when the Covid-19 pandemic struck, the per day cremation at Nigambodh Ghat was 253.

"Our body is not prepared for such a level of warming in this unprecedented summer heat," says well known environmentalist Sunita Narain, Director General of the Centre for Science and Environment.

Besides, a new analysis shows that Indians are getting less sleep due to rising nighttime temperature above the 25°C threshold. Mumbai tops the list among the metros while the situation is the worst in the East. This decidedly is something policy makers need to sleep on and evolve quick solutions.

TIBET IS BACK ON THE TABLE

New bill President Joe Biden is expected to sign unambiguously questions China's territorial claims over Tibet and seeks to redress the region's unresolved status

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THE Tibet issue was back in the headlines after the US Congress passed a bill that supports the Tibetan cause. The legislation, which calls for Beijing's re-engagement with Tibet's spiritual leader Dalai Lama to address the concerns of Tibetans, also authorises use of funds to counter China's 'disinformation campaign' on issues related to Tibet such as the region's history, demography, culture and customs, and high institutions including that of the Dalai Lama. The bipartisan bill, passed by the Congress early this month, is now on US President Joe Biden's table awaiting his signature to ratify it into law.

What's in the bill

The Promoting a Resolution to the Tibet-China Dispute Act, also known as the Resolve Tibet Act, is the third such piece of legislation on Tibet passed by the US Congress after the Tibetan Policy Act (TPA) of 2002, and the Tibetan Policy & Support Act (TPSA) of 2020. It unambiguously questions China's territorial claims over Tibet and seeks to redress the region's unresolved status. It notes that talks between Beijing and the Dalai Lama have been stalled since 2010 after the Chinese side imposed unreasonable conditions.

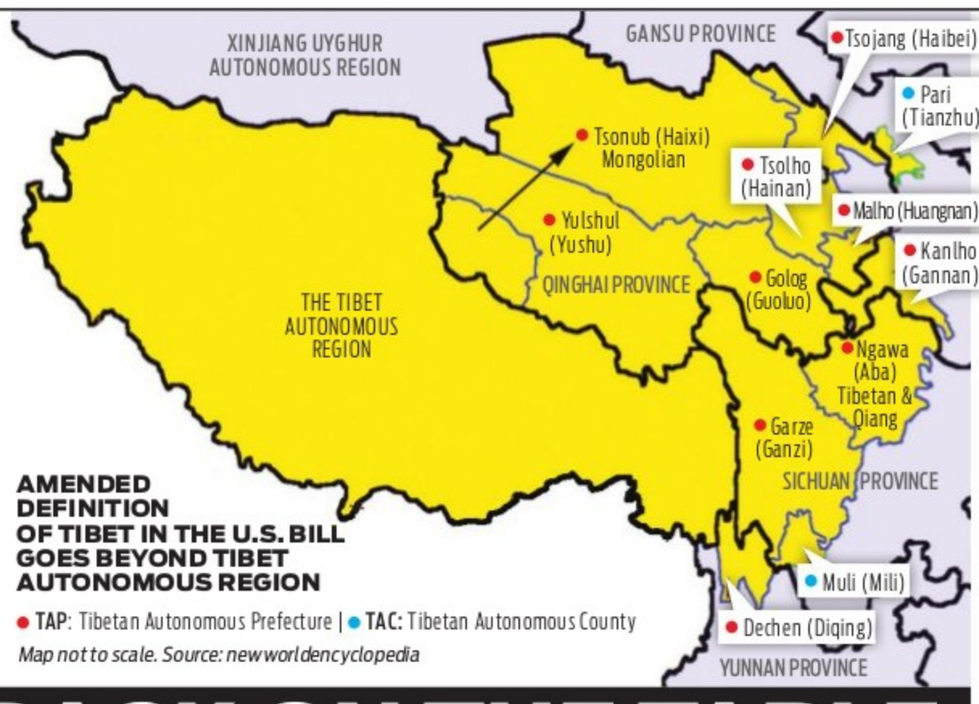
In its talks with China between 2002 and 2010, the Tibetan side only sought genuine autonomy in line with the middle path approached proposed by the Dalai Lama. However, the talks never reached their logical conclusion as China was not ready to give up its tight grip over the annexed region.

What sets the latest US legislation apart is that it underlines Tibetans' right to 'self determination' and identifies the large swathes of geographical areas that were historically part of Tibet but were cut into pieces and merged with neighbouring Chinese provinces such as Sichuan and Yunnan after China's military invasion of the plateau in 1950. New Chinese provinces such as Qinghai were also created with the bulk of Tibet's land. Recognising the historical geography of Tibet is the most notable feature of the new bill as it precisely identifies the Chinese designs to disfigure the historical Tibet and seeks to highlight that by referring to the original geography of the region.

US paradigm shift

The US has for decades was blind to the Tibet issue so as not to offend China. The TPA of 2002, for example, termed Tibet a part of China. "The United States recognizes the Tibet Autonomous Region–hereinafter referred to as "Tibet" – to be part of the People's Republic of China. This long-standing policy is consistent with the view of the international community… Because we do not recognize Tibet as an independent state, the United States does not conduct official diplomatic relations with the Tibetan 'government-in-exile' in Dharamsala," the Act said. The ruse for this line was that the Dalai Lama wanted greater autonomy for Tibetans and not independence for Tibet. The bill didn't go beyond requesting China to have talks with the Tibetan side and listen to their concerns.

But with the dramatic shift in geopolitical dynamics, Washington woke up to the potential of the Tibet issue to keep an aggressive China on the defensive. The TPSA of 2020 authorised funds for NGOs working to help the Tibetan communities. More importantly, it sought a US consulate in Tibetan capital Lhasa. "The Department of State may not authorize any new Chinese consulates in the United States until a U.S. consulate has been established in Lhasa, Tibet," it said.



The bill also underscored Tibetans' right to select and venerate their own religious leaders. This was in response to China's diktat that the next Dalai Lama can't be chosen without its permission. With this, the TPSA opened the doors for the US to issue economic and visa sanctions against any Chinese officials who interfere with the succession of the Dalai Lama.

The 2024 bill is much stronger in terms of what it seeks to achieve. It calls for establishing a statutory definition of Tibet and clearly states that it will include areas in Chinese provinces outside the Tibet Autonomous Region (TAR) – a limited area which China established in 1965 to be treated as Tibet. "This bill defines Tibet to include the TAR and the Tibetan areas of the Qinghai, Sichuan, Gansu, and Yunnan provinces," it says. The bill also states that it is US policy that the conflict between Tibet and China is unresolved and that Tibet's legal status remains to be determined in accordance with international law.

To drive home the point, a bipartisan US Congressional delegation visited Tibetan spiritual leader Dalai Lama at Dharamsala in Himachal Pradesh last week and pledged support to the Tibetan cause. This is a huge departure from the 2002 legislation that said the US won't interact with the Tibetan government-in-exile.

During the visit, the US team, headed by House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Michael McCaul and including former US House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi, said China's claims over Tibet are untenable. To the chagrin of Beijing, both McCaul and Pelosi stated that Biden would soon sign the Resolve Tibet Act.

China's hard stand

China claims Tibet has been its part since ancient times, a proposition that doesn't have many takers. It invaded the plateau in 1950 with military power and formalised the annexation through an agreement signed between Lhasa and Beijing on May 23, 1951 under duress. According to L L Mehrotra, former secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, the Dalai Lama himself came to know of it four days after it was 'signed' when Radio Peking broadcast it on May 27, 1951. They did not even know its contents until then. "With PLA guns pointed at the Tibetans in Lhasa, an agreement was imposed on them on May 23, 1951—the infamous 17 Point Agreement under which the Tibetans were made to accept Tibet as a region of China and not only Chinese suzerainty over it but absolute control," Mehrotra says in his book 'India's Tibet Policy – An appraisal and options'.

China's stand on Tibet has only hardened over time. Earlier this year, Beijing said it could hold talks with the representatives of the Dalai Lama but not of the 'illegitimate' Tibetan government-in-exile based in India. However, the offer for talks was a non-starter because China outright ruled out any dialogue on the Dalai Lama's main demand -- autonomy for Tibet.

Beijing treats the Dalai Lama as a separatist, though the spiritual leader has clarified that his objective is not to seek political independence but autonomy and freedom in religious affairs that lie at the core of Tibet's identity.

Last week's US delegation visit to Dharamsala and the new legislation on Tibet evoked angry reaction from Beijing, which is nervous about rising international attention. Warning Biden against signing the latest piece of legislation, Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Lin Jian said it would provoke counter measures.

India's nuanced position

For India, Tibet is a sensitive issue as it has to balance its delicate relationship with China with which it has long-pending border disputes. India welcomed the Dalai Lama and a sizable Tibetan refugee population with open arms in 1959 when they fled their homeland after a failed uprising against China. While India has historically supported the Tibetan cause, New Delhi's official position since Jawaharlal Nehru's time has been to accept Tibet as part of China.

India first accepted Tibet as a Chinese region in April 1954 when then PM Nehru signed the Panchsheel agreement with Chinese premier Zhou Enlai. The stand was further confirmed in December 1988 when then prime minister Rajiv Gandhi visited China and "reiterated that Tibet is an autonomous region of China". He also gave an undertaking to the Chinese that Tibetan refugees in India would not be allowed to "engage in political activities against China".

The Chinese got India to reinforce the two points again in June 2003 during the then PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee's Beijing trip. In what was seen as an oversight by the Indian side, Vajpayee's joint statement with the then Chinese premier Wen Jiabao used the legal term 'recognize' to describe India's position on Tibet.

"The Indian side recognizes that the Tibet Autonomous Region is part of the territory of the People's Republic of China and reiterates that it does not allow Tibetans to engage in anti-China political activities in India," the joint statement read. China used this statement to claim Tibet is a done deal.

While India hasn't sought to reverse its policy, New Delhi seems to have relaxed the curbs on the freedom of expression of Tibetans in India. When Chinese President Xi Jinping visited India in September 2014 to meet PM Narendra Modi, the Indian government allowed Tibetan exiles to stage protests on New Delhi's streets. Some activists even managed to make it to the vicinity of the summit site, sending alarm bells in Beijing.

A settlement in favour of the people of Tibet could work in India's favour as it will negate China's outlandish claims on Arunachal Pradesh, which Beijing refers to as South Tibet. It may also address China's disregard for the McMahon Line, the boundary between Tibet and India settled as part of the Simla Accord of 1914 signed by British India, Tibet and China, to some extent.

There are concerns if India openly supports the 'Free Tibet' movement, China can raise the Kashmir issue. In that sense, the American move on Tibet puts India in an unenviable position.